



CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

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"Home of the AuSable River"

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Crawford AuSable Schools report card has arrived

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

The Michigan School Report, a report card for area schools, has arrived.

The report is designed to help people understand the performance of their local schools. Included in the report are data on state, intermediate school district (ISD), local school district and individual school building averages.

Crawford AuSable Schools belongs to COOR ISD, which includes seven schools, including Kenquest Academy. Kenquest Academy is a charter school that will open this fall. The other five schools in the ISD are Fairview Area Schools, Houghton Lake Community Schools, Mio AuSable Schools, Gerish Higgins Schools and West Branch-Rose City Area Schools.

The report, according to Governor John Engler provides a snapshot of

Michigan schools. The information for the report is taken from numerous public records, collected by local schools and reported to the Michigan Department of Education.

"I believe that improvements in the quality of our schools can begin when we are aware of important information and have a better understanding of how our schools are performing," said Gov. Engler, in a letter included in the report.

The report doesn't make Crawford AuSable schools look good. The report encourages people to compare their school and school district with other schools.

Low Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores for fourth grade students are just one of the factors that hurt Crawford AuSable's image.

Crawford AuSable Schools has the highest average MEAP scores in the

intermediate school district for seventh grade reading and math.

MEAP scores for fourth grade reading, both story and informational, are the lowest scores reported of any school COOR Intermediate School District (ISD). The MEAP reading test measures children's reading skills based on how well meaning is gathered from what is read. The test contains two reading selections, a story selection and an informational selection.

The report gives information on more than 20 different categories including the average salary, dropout rate, MEAP results and the number of students enrolled. The report provides information for the three most recent school years. In some instances, information for the 1995-96 school year is not available.

Kent Reynolds, superintendent from Crawford AuSable Schools, said the low MEAP test scores in fourth grade are caused, in part, by the transfer of

students from Grayling Elementary to Frederic Elementary and back again. Reynolds said the scores should improve slightly next year with the opening of the AuSable Primary and even more the following year.

Reynolds said there is a direct correlation between low MEAP scores and a high percentage of students that receive free and reduced-price lunches.

In Crawford AuSable School District, 43.9 percent of the students qualify for free and reduced-price lunches. Statewide, the average is 26.4 percent. Within the district, Frederic and Grayling elementary schools have the highest percentages of any other buildings.

One school board member commented on the issue.

"You bet I am concerned," said Irene Pettyjohn, a trustee on the CASD school board. "But my concern goes far deeper than MEAP scores."

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Relaxing on the River



ENJOYING THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND -- The great weather invited many area visitors to take a canoe ride down the famous AuSable River.

Attorney General issues opinion

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

Attorney General Frank Kelley has issued an opinion that could mean Prosecuting Attorney John Huss will need to reevaluate his opinion concerning County Commissioner Robert McLachlan's conflicts of interest.

At the request of State Representative Allen Lowe, Kelley issued Opinion No. 6906 on June 25, regarding which laws should be applied to Conflict of Interest issues.

Commissioner McLachlan's conflicts of interests were never directly mentioned in Kelley's opinion. The opinion answered questions asked by Lowe regarding what law applies to county commissioners regarding conflicts of interest.

The attorney general's opinion applies an entirely different law than Huss did to the matter in March. The attorney general, however, did not apply the law to the specific conditions regarding McLachlan.

Huss had told the county board that although the Michigan Legislature prohibits conflicts of interests, there is no criminal provision for dealing with a statutory breach. He stated that a

conflict of interest was a civil matter and not a criminal matter.

In Huss' opinion, he stated that the law, 1968 PA 317, did not apply to county board of commissioners and that he was "left to look elsewhere to determine or define 'conflict of interest.'"

Huss told the Avalanche Monday that he had not read the attorney general's opinion. He said he hoped to have reviewed the opinion by Wednesday. He didn't indicate that the attorney general's opinion would apply to McLachlan.

Huss had issued an opinion, at the request of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, that declared McLachlan "in conflict with his interest as a public official."

In his opinion, Huss said, McLachlan violated statutes on 13 separate occasions, and that McLachlan should forfeit a \$100 for each violation, a total of \$1,300 to Crawford County.

In his written opinion to Lowe, Kelley said, "It is my opinion, therefore, in answer to your first question, that 1968 PA 317 applies to members of county boards of commissioners, city councils, township boards, and members of any other public bodies

that county boards of commissioners, city councils and township boards may establish by law."

In his opinion, Kelley also stated

that 1968 PA 317 is the sole law regarding conflicts of interests arising out of contracts involving public servants.

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A bit of background

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

County Commissioner Robert McLachlan has been a county board member since January 1989. He is currently serving his fourth, two-year term on the board.

During McLachlan's tenure, he has been accused of having conflicts of interests numerous times. At one point, McLachlan filed a defamation suit

against three of his loudest critics. The judge dismissed the case, stating the statements were unspecific and did not rise to the level of defamation by implication.

McLachlan was the chairman of the county board when the landfill was sold. It was in that capacity that he signed the purchase agreement selling the Crawford Otsego landfill to City Management Corporation.

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Jasper the monkey is still trying to find his way home

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

A monkey is still on the loose in Grayling.

The monkey known as Jasper J. Johnston, or Jazzy for short, ran away from the Bullmania Rodeo on Saturday, June 29. The rodeo was at the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

Jasper was spotted Monday, July 8, near the I-75 mile marker 258, according to Rita Erbes. Erbes objected to being called Jasper's owner.

"Nobody owns Jasper," she said. "He's part of the family."

A man with a cellular phone spotted Jasper and phoned it into the Crawford County Sheriff Department. The sheriff department was unable to recover Jasper, although the sighting was confirmed by sheriff officers.

Erbes recommended that anyone seeing Jasper treat him more like a three or four year old child, rather than like a dog or cat.



Rather than chasing after Jasper, she suggests spotters continue to act normally. Instead of yelling or running after him, sit down and let him come closer.

"He would play with people, if they started chasing him he'd run," said

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Over 300,000 of the six million acres of public land in Michigan have been cleaned through the Adopt-a-Forest program, which was spearheaded by Crawford County local, Virginia Pierce.

Pierce is the district supervisor, waste management division, of the Department of Environmental Quality. She works out of the Grayling office.

She received the Special Conservation Award from the Michigan Annual Conservation Clubs at the 59th annual meeting in late June for her key role in the clean up of hundreds of acres of public forest lands by volunteers. Nine other individuals and two organizations were also honored for their conservation achievements.

The Adopt-a-Forest program began in District #7, which encompasses a nine county region that includes Crawford, almost five years ago. It then spread to Region II, which covers the entire northern Lower Peninsula.

Adopt-a-Forest became a statewide program a little over a year ago.

The program began when the forest management division began looking for ways to educate the public, find labor to help clean up the land and the money to pay for it, said Pierce.

Working with the forest management division, Pierce helped determine how much of the trash on public lands was recyclable and why people throw trash on public lands when there are other options available.

The study found more than half of all trash on public lands is recyclable. She said she still hasn't been able to

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but it would take a lot of bugs to fill him up. He has a big appetite."

Jasper was raised by a young man with a beard, so Erbes thinks Jasper may go to a bearded man easier.

She indicated that normally, Jasper doesn't bite. What he has gone through this past week hasn't been normal, so she couldn't be sure.

Jasper performs during the rodeo. Dressed in full cow-poke regalia, including a cowboy hat, he sits in a saddle on top of a dog. The pair round of sheep during the show.

Erbes said Jasper can understand a lot of things said to him. He knows the name Jasper, but he is usually called Jazzy.

He communicates, in his own way, said Erbes. It's much different than a dog or cat, she said.

Anyone who spots Jasper should call the Crawford County Sheriff Department or call (616) 832-2579. A reward is being offered for Jasper's safe return.

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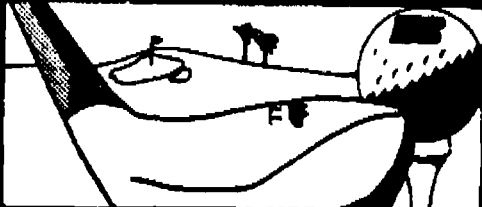
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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

When Gout Goes For The Big Toe

Gout is a form of arthritis that often affects the big toe. The cause of the painful condition, however, is actually found far from the feet, in the kidneys. There, the body processes uric acid, formed when the body breaks down waste products. If too much uric acid is produced, or if the kidneys can't get rid of it properly, the uric acid that accumulates in the blood deposits itself as crystals around joints. The pain and inflammation of a big toe with gout can be disabling. Although a gout attack typically subsides after a week or two, it is likely to recur without careful treatment, and permanent joint damage may result. Medication may be prescribed to ease the symptoms of an attack. Certain lifestyle changes may help keep gout from reappearing, drinking plenty of water, keeping weight normal, and minimizing alcohol intake.

When every step is a painful one, it's time to pay attention to what your feet are trying to tell you. Don't ignore foot problems like gout or deformities, injuries, diseases, or inherited conditions. Your feet aren't supposed to hurt and there is help through the techniques of modern podiatry when they do. You will receive the highest quality medical care coupled with the personal attention you expect and deserve. For an appointment, please call GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. We're located at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City. Offices also located in KALKASKA MEMORIAL HEALTH CENTER, Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings. P.S. About one million Americans suffer from recurrent bouts of gout.



OBITUARIES

Walter Wesley Fallon, 49, of Lansing, died Saturday, July 6, 1996, at Mercy Manor, of lung cancer.

Mr. Fallon was born in South Bend, Indiana, on Oct. 9, 1946. He grew up in Grayling, and enjoyed playing the drums for two local bands, "The Mystics" and The D-Fenders. He also enjoyed auto racing, duck hunting, and sports of all types.

He graduated from Grayling High School and received a master's degree in business administration from Michigan State University.

Mr. Fallon is the son of Janet Olson,

and was preceded in death by his stepfather, Nels P. Olson; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Wolff; father Walter W. Fallon; and grandson, Michael Walter Fallon.

He is survived by his daughters, Stephanie and Mandy Fallon of Farmington, Minnesota; brothers, Michael W. Fallon of Newberry, Herbert S. Olson of Grayling, and Nels P. Olson of Clearwater, British Columbia; sisters, Marjorie Olson Henley of Williamston, Geri Olson of Grayling, and Laurie Olson Jerome of Fenton.

Cornele Florinki

Cornele M. Florinki, 74, of Corunna, died Monday, July 1, 1996, at Shiawassee County Medical Care Facility. Funeral services were held Friday, July 5, at 10 a.m., at Jennings-Lyons Funeral Chapel in Owosso, with Fr. Robert D. Kolenski officiating. Burial was in Pine Tree Cemetery.

Mr. Florinki was born Aug. 26, 1921, in Corunna, the son of John and Zoraita (Mehigh) Florinki, and was a life-long resident. On Nov. 30, 1946, he was married to Sadie DeGreggio in

Lawrence Massachusetts.

He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, and later worked as a crib attendant with General Motors, Fisher body Plant #1 in Flint, retiring in 1982.

Mr. Florinki attended St. Paul Catholic Church, and was a member of Corunna V.F.W. #4005.

Survivors include: daughter, Jane and husband Raymond Varda of Grayling; sons, Bob and wife Linda Florinki of Corunna, and Timothy and wife Jennifer Florinki of Lansing; four grandchildren; and two sisters.

Larry Jessop

Larry W. Jessop, 59, of Utica, died Wednesday, July 3, 1996, at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 6, at 11 a.m., at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Utica,

with Father Robert Schuster officiating. Burial was in Christian Memorial Cultural Center in Rochester Hills.

Mr. Jessop was born Feb. 10, 1937, in Utica. He worked for Nagy Trucking as a gravel train driver, retiring after 32 years of service. He also served in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Jessop was a member of St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus for 28 years.

Mr. Jessop was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Viola Jessop.

Survivors include: wife, Tina (Smith) Jessop; sons, Michael and wife Brenda Jessop, and Thomas and wife Cheryl Jessop, and Richard Jessop; five grandchildren; sister, Bonnie and husband Thomas Drapper; and three nephews.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the donor's choice.

Helen Madsen

Helen B. Madsen, 82, of Gaylord, died Thursday, July 4, 1996, at Osego Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, July 8, at 11 a.m. from the Nelson Funeral Home, with Rev. Warren Pettis officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Gaylord.

Mrs. Madsen was born Dec. 13, 1913, in Boyne City, the daughter of Clair and Jennie Brooks. She moved to Gaylord in 1939, when she married Svend Madsen.

Mrs. Madsen was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Alpine Bells, Alpha Delta Kapa, Osego Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Michigan Retired Teachers

Association, order of the Eastern Star Chrysanthemum Chapter and numerous community groups.

Mrs. Madsen was a home economics teacher, having taught in Frederic, Vanderbilt, Grayling, and retired after 37 years with the Gaylord Community Schools.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Svend, on Dec. 3, 1984.

Survivors include: son, Brooks and wife Carol Madsen of Oviedo, Florida; daughters, Karen and husband Dave Schlaack of Ewart, and Linda and husband Nelson Kirkland of Mt. Morris; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Phern McNamee

Phern Lucille McNamee, 86, of Roscommon, died Sunday, July 7, 1996, at Mercy Manor, Grayling, of a lingering illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 9, at 2 p.m., at Steuermol & McLaren Funeral Home, Roscommon, with Pastor Lawrence Cook officiating. Burial was in Gerrish Cemetery, Roscommon.

Mrs. McNamee was born Oct. 28, 1909, in Breckenridge, the daughter of William and Alma Dossan. She had been a resident of Roscommon for 19

years, previously living in Breckenridge and Dearborn Heights. She was a homemaker who worked in a defense plant during WWII.

Mrs. McNamee was a member of the Roscommon Rebekah Lodge.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred, in 1990; sons, Graham in 1991, and Richard in 1992; four sisters; and two brothers.

Survivors include: daughter, Norma and husband Melvin Brown-Lloyd of Grayling; son, Clayton and wife Janet McNamee of Monroe; daughter-in-law, Phyllis McNamee of Austin, Texas; brother, Celia "Skeets" and wife Fran Dossan of Alma; 10 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Laurette Rochette

Laurette M. Rochette, 93, of Novi, died Thursday, July 4, 1996, at her residence. A wake service was held Sunday, July 7, at Sorenson Funeral Home. Mass of Christian burial was held Monday, July 8, at 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling, with Reverend Robert Nalley officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Pallbearers were Paul Rochette, Scott Rochette, George Rochette, Kelly Curtis, Mark DiVito and Roger DiVito.

Mrs. Rochette was born Jan. 13, 1903, in Lowell, Massachusetts. She and her husband, Leon Rochette, were married on June 10, 1925, and they moved to Grayling in 1955, where they owned and operated Rochette's Party Store and Grocery for many

years before retiring. She spent the last few years of her life in Gainesville, Florida, and Novi, to be near her family. Mrs. Rochette was preceded in death by her husband, Leon, in 1988, and by her parents, Jean-Baptiste and Malvina (Beauparlant) Guilbault.

Survivors include: daughters, Alice Yoder of Gainesville, Florida, Rita DiVito of Garden City, Pauline Farmer of Novi, and Irene Sinnott of Junction City, Kentucky; sons, Leo Rochette of Memphis, Tennessee, and Dennis Rochette of Gaylord; sisters, Alma Guilbault and Yvonne Belanger, both of Lowell, Massachusetts; 34 grandchildren; 67 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Hospice of Southeast Michigan, in care of Sorenson Funeral Home, Grayling.

Daniel Wakeley

Daniel K. Wakeley, 42, of Grayling, died Friday, July 5, 1996, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. Funeral services were held Monday, July 8, at 2 p.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Reverend Robert Nalley officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Pallbearers were Roger Pahsan, Kirt Kitchen, Carl Roed, Al Angove, Robbie Wakeley and Terry Wakeley. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers

Chapel. Mr. Wakeley was born Dec. 7, 1953, in Grayling, and had lived here his entire life. He worked as a laborer.

Survivors include: parents, Bob and Marge Wakeley; son, Luke Bryant; sisters, Donna and husband Carl Roed, Deana Kornmiller and fiance Al Angove, Dawn Wakeley and Mark Dunn, and Tina Doe and fiance Roger Pahsan; brothers, Richard Wakeley, Dennis Wakeley, Darrell Wakeley and fiance Patty Hardy, and Dale Wakeley; and several nieces and nephews.

Mary Jane Wright

Mary Jane Sarah Wright, 80, of Lansing, died Wednesday, July 3, 1996. Funeral services were held Monday, July 8, at 1 p.m., at Delta Presbyterian Church in Lansing, with Rev. Elizabeth D. Beck, pastor, officiating. Interment was in Deepdale Memorial Park, Lansing.

Miss Wright of Gladys L. and Harry Wright, and had been a resident of Lansing for most of her life.

She graduated from Central High School and Michigan State University, and was an insurance underwriter for Prather Insurance Company.

Miss Wright was an accompanist for Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Delta Presbyterian Church, and had taught music privately for 50 years.

Those desiring, may make contributions to the church in memory of Miss Wright.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Among recent visitors to the Grayling Historical Museum was a former Grayling native, Jack Redhead. Jack's grandfather, John B. Redhead, had a shingle mill near Waters, at the mouth of the North Branch of the AuSable River. Jack's grandfather bought cutover land from the lumbering companies and used the tree stumps to make shingles. The lumbermen generally left stumps four feet high and Mr. Redhead's crew would cut the stumps as close to the ground as possible to obtain the maximum wood for the shingles. Both Jack and his father were river guides on the AuSable, using the traditional AuSable River flat boat. Jack still has the 7 1/2 horsepower motor—circa 1928—that he used on the river and which struck terror in the heart of at least one fisherman wading in the river.

Jack's party at the museum included his wife, a couple from Lansing and another couple who were former Grayling and Roscommon residents. (Thanks to Lillian Smith, a museum volunteer for this news item—Fay Bovee.)

Margarita Perez graduated with a master's degree in architecture from Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 8. She is working for Georgia Tech as a design architect at the present time. She is the daughter of Ray and Mickey Perez, and was a 1990 graduate of Grayling High School. Her parents and brother, Miguel, attended her graduation, and her sister, Maria, flew in from California to attend. Maria is employed as a manager with Vanita Fair in Redding.

Card of thanks

The board of directors of St. Francis Episcopal Thrift Shop and the family of St. Francis Church would like to thank everyone in the community and surrounding area for your continual contributions of clothing and household items donated to us.

In the last year, through community-service organizations and churches, we were able to supply \$4,474.53 in merchandise, free of charge, to people in need.

Again, thank you for your support. St. Francis Episcopal Church

Card of thanks

Words cannot express our thanks to all those friends who sent cards, phone calls, food, and the many prayers for us.

Special thanks to Amicare Hospice, Sorenson Funeral Home, Rev. D. Dean Courney and the Cheerful Givers Club for the wonderful luncheon. May God Bless.

The family of William Koernke

Card of thanks

The Annual Tag Day fund raiser, sponsored by Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, was a huge success, netting \$1,400 in donations.

On July 5, Auxiliaries were seen throughout the community accepting donations for the Mercy Hospital Communi-call system. A very special thank you to everyone who donated, for without your continued support, this fund raiser would not be possible.

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MKT 316	Sales Management	Monday
MTH 336	College Algebra	Monday
ECO 301	Microeconomics	Tuesday
MGT 141	Introduction to Business	Tuesday
MGT 306	Human Resource Management	Tuesday
COM 109	College English	Wednesday
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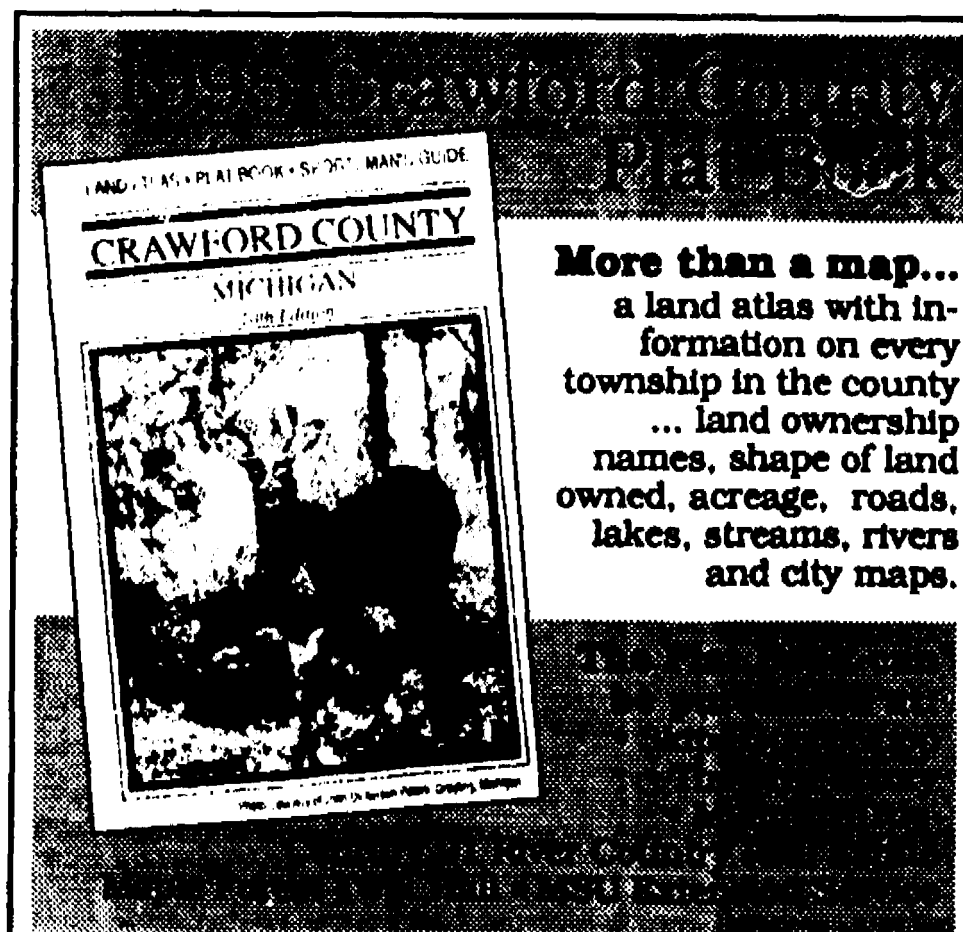
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Children needed for parade

Children are needed to be a part of the AuSable River Festival Parade on Saturday, July 27.

Children are asked to dress in their favorite country's apparel to carry on the parade's theme, Countries Around the World.

Children are encouraged to decorate their bike, buggy, wagon, or just themselves.

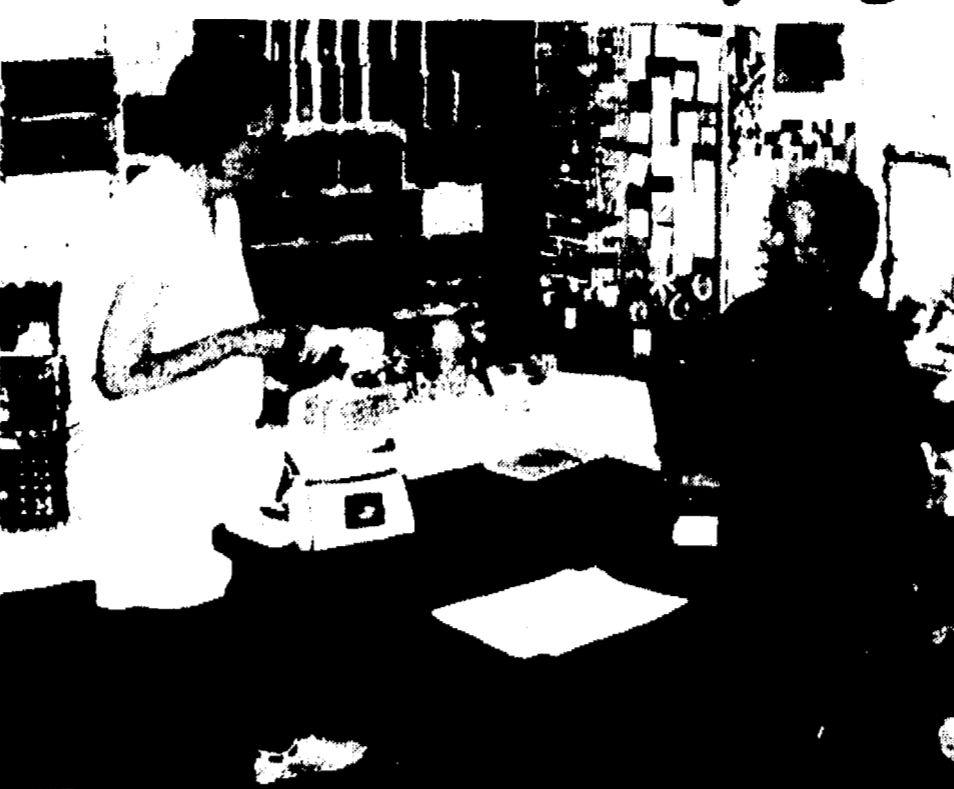
Any child that would like to be in the parade should line up by 2:30 p.m.

where Michigan Avenue meets Galen and Ogemaw streets. The parade will begin at 3 p.m.

Children ages four and under must be accompanied by an adult. Parents should pick up their children as soon as they are through marching on the corner of Lake and Peninsular streets, by St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Children who participate in the parade will receive a ribbon and a prize.

Poet returns to Grayling



RENEWING FRIENDSHIPS — Thelma Madsen (L) visits with local author Jeanine Jensen during her recent book signing at Mac's Drug Store.

Local author Jeanine Jensen signed her book, *The Poet Tree*, at Mac's Drug Store, Saturday, June 29.

Jensen, a Grayling native, signed copies of her book and visited with old friends during the book-signing.

Her book was included in the re-

cently published anthology "Best Poems of 1996," by the National Library of Poetry. Jensen has published single poems and songs. This is her first complete book.

Jensen and her husband, Earl, have two sons, Chris and Eric.

AuSable Jazz Band heads to Caribbean again

The AuSable River Dixieland Jazz Band will be performing a concert tour on the island of Antigua in the Caribbean in February.

The group is being sponsored by the Antigua Lions Club.

While in the Caribbean, the band will be based at Club Antigua, where they will perform three concerts. Other concerts are being scheduled throughout the island by the Antigua Lions.

This is the third year that the band has been invited to come and perform in the Caribbean. The past two winters

has found the band performing in concert on the island of St. Lucia.

Concerts on St. Lucia were designed to raise money for the underprivileged children of that island. During the two tours, the band raised about \$20,000 local dollars for the children of St. Lucia.

The band has made arrangements so that a limited number of local individuals can travel with the band. Anyone interested in going to Antigua with the AuSable River Dixieland Jazz Band should call (517) 348-5187.

Original artwork contest to be held

The Jesse Besser Museum's Annual "Northeast Michigan Artist Juried Competition/Exhibition" is now underway.

There will be a first-place cash prize of \$500, a second-place cash prize of \$250, and a third-place cash prize of \$100. Two honorable mention plaques and a special senior citizen's plaque will also be awarded. All awards will be selected by this year's juror, Michelle Conklin, executive director of the Crooked Tree Arts Council, Virginia McCune Arts Center in Petoskey.

All artists, working in any media and residing in the following counties are eligible: Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Crawford, Iosco, Lapeer, Mackinac, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oshtemo, Otsego, Presque

Isle and Roscommon. Artists with summer homes in this area may also compete.

Only original work is eligible ("original" meaning not taken from the work of other artists).

Works by senior citizens are eligible for any of the prizes.

Entries will be juried by 35mm slides only. A maximum of five works may be submitted (one slide per work) by each artist for a total non-refundable entry fee of \$10. All slides must be at the Jesse Besser Museum no later than Sept. 29.

Entry forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting Robert E. Haltiner, Jesse Besser Museum, 491 Johnson Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Telephone (517) 356-2202.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Ensign Aaron T. Berglin, son of Bob and Shelley Berglin of Grayling, recently graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Berglin was one of the 918 midshipmen who comprised the Class of 1996. The Naval academy prepares midshipmen morally, intellectually and physically to become the future leaders of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Founded in 1845, the four-year program offers a bachelor of science degree in 18 academic majors in engineering, math, science, social sciences and the humanities. Midshipmen take military-professional courses, ethics and leadership courses.

Berglin successfully completed this intensive program and earned a bachelor of science degree with a major in mathematics.

During the summer training periods, Berglin received on-the-job training in surface ships, submarines, aircraft



Ensign Aaron T. Berglin

and Marine Corps units.

Berglin has added his name to the list of more than 61,000 Naval Academy graduates, which have included 73 Medal of Honor winners, 202 members of Congress, 40 astronauts, 32 Rhodes Scholars, three governors, one Nobel Prize winner and one U. S. President.

He is a 1992 graduate of Menominee High School.

Special vision and hearing clinic to be held

District Health Department #1 is scheduling a special clinic for children about to enter kindergarten in the Grayling area. The clinic will offer hearing and vision screening as well as immunizations. Call 348-7800 for an appointment.

Little League \$100 raffle winner named

The final winner in the Grayling Little League raffle was Ruth Gertz, who won \$100 on June 28.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling in the following areas:

The Small Arms ranges located west of Lake Margaretha, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, and south of Portage Creek. Firing will begin on July 10 and cease on July 17.

The Small Arms ranges located at Arrowhead Road in Kalkaska County. Firing will begin on July 10 and cease on July 17.

Range 13, Mortar Range located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Road and on the east by Carrier Road. Firing will begin on July 13 and cease on July 17.

Range 20 and 21, Demolition Ranges located south of Howe Road, west of the Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Road, and east of the gas pipeline. Firing will begin on July 13 and cease on July 17.

The Range 40 Complex located north of County Road 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F-97 (Twin Bridge Road). Firing will begin on July 13 and cease on July 17.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Goshute Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. P-97 (Twin Bridge Rd). Firing will begin on July 10 through July 13, and July 16 through 17.

NOTE: Extensive military maneuvers will be conducted on the Range 40 Complex during the period of July 13-17.

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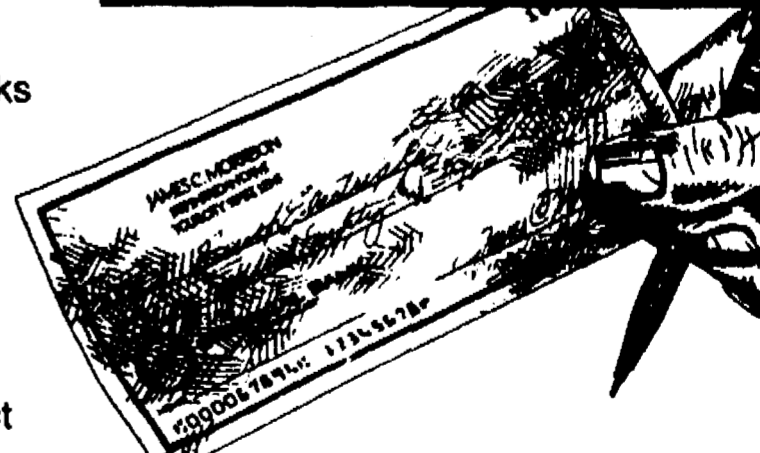


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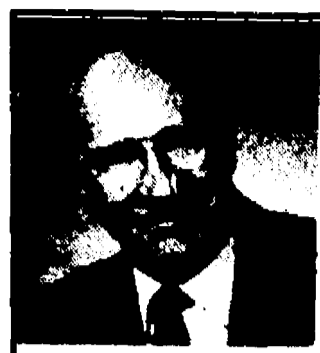
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

Richard Milliman

Wolpe takes on peace making role

WHATEVER happened to Howard Wolpe?

For those with short memories, Mr. Wolpe was the Democratic nominee for governor of Michigan in 1994, and got hammered big by Republican Gov. John Engler.

Before facing the Engler electoral buzz saw, Mr. Wolpe had been in Congress for 14 years, in the Michigan Legislature for a couple of terms before that, and on the Kalamazoo city commission even before that.

In real life, he was a college teacher—but there are those who would argue that Mr. Wolpe never really experienced any real life.

Childhood in California, college in Oregon and Massachusetts, and service in the Peace Corps preceded Mr. Wolpe settling down at Western Michigan University to teach political science—and start running for public office.

He has always been a master politician. A generally hard-left liberal, Mr. Wolpe won election seven times in a generally hard-right conservative congressional district anchored by Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties—and by increasingly large margins each

time.

That's the true mark of a master politician.

BUT SOMETHING mysterious happened on his way to the governor's mansion.

He dropped out of congress after the 1990 redistricting, and started running hard for governor. Mr. Wolpe handily won the earnest support of most organized labor and most other liberal groups in a hotly contested Democratic primary.

But in the general election, Mr. Wolpe never had a chance. That "something mysterious" simply may have been the forbidding presence on the other side of Gov. Engler, who steamrollered...and Howard Wolpe virtually disappeared from political sight.

He found his way to Washington, eventually to the prestigious Brookings Institution, which is a frequent haven for many temporarily dislocated politicians, often of the liberal persuasion.

With his educational credentials—bachelor's from Reed College in

Oregon, doctorate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston—coupled with his political activism, Brookings seemed a perfect fit for Howard Wolpe.

BUT SOMETHING even better was just around the corner.

Howard Wolpe is now a special peace emissary for the United States, assigned to help bring some sort of peaceful order out of the chaos rocking the small nation of Burundi.

Mr. Wolpe has always loved Africa. It was a special area of study at MIT. After college, Mr. Wolpe spent two years with the Peace Corps in Africa.

And in Congress, he was on the Foreign Affairs Committee, and chair of the subcommittee on African affairs.

He has made innumerable trips to Africa; in fact, some political foes in his old Congressional district used to complain that he spent way too much time in Africa, and maybe should run for office there rather than in Kalamazoo.

President Clinton obviously knew all this when he picked Mr. Wolpe for this new peace keeping role. It's not

clear in published reports whether Mr. Wolpe is representing the White House or the State Department...but either way, he's representing the nation, and that's a fine appointment.

FEW PUBLIC figures have greater interest in, and knowledge of, Africa and its social, political and economic problems, challenges and history than Howard Wolpe.

His new job won't be easy. Published reports on Burundi indicate the bloody civil strife largely is ethnic based, which makes solutions even more difficult to find.

Howard Wolpe is in position to make a major contribution to Burundi and its people, which could affect all Africa.

His experience, training and dedication in African affairs indicate he should be up to the task.

He seems to be the right person, in the right place, at the right time, which often is a rare combination.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Copies of school budget not available at public hearing

To the editor,

On June 24, the Crawford AuSable School Board held a public hearing on the school budget for the 1996/1997 school year. There are several things about this meeting that should be of interest to the taxpayers of this district.

The first thing of note was the solicitation of comments from the public regarding the proposed budget. At no time were copies of the budget given to the public, nor was the public told that any copies were available.

It is difficult to examine a budget and ask questions about it if the figures are not given to you. This may have been announced in the paper, but not everyone reads the paper every week.

A second item of interest was the textbook expenditure. The original proposal was a \$25,000 increase over last year, but the board upped this to a \$55,000 increase. This extra money is supposed to take care of district textbook needs for this next year.

The board should be commended for taking this action. It certainly is a necessary one. At the same time, there are several other concerns that arise from this.

1. There is, at this time, no committee for educational materials review (of which textbooks are a part). There should be such a committee that performs an on-going process of review. The present board action, as good as it is, amounts to a one-time "fix."

2. The actual review process itself is not addressed. This process involves the number of texts available compared to the number needed, the ages of the texts themselves, their content, how texts are selected, etc. Some texts, such as in some of the science fields, are technically out-of-date in some areas even by the time of printing. There needs to be a plan for obtaining updates (either printed or off the Internet).

3. This board action still does not answer the problems of student scores in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests. In 1995, grade four, only 42 percent of our students attained acceptable test scores. When it came to reading, the number was only 10.3 percent. In grade seven, the math level was 75 percent, but in reading only 53.9 percent. The 1994 results are the only ones I have seen for grade 10, but at this level, only 31.2 percent of our students had an acceptable score in math and only 41.5 percent in reading.

The information covered in these tests is supposed to be basic information. We need textbooks, but these other problems also need an immediate answer.

A third area of concern is in technology, but that will have to wait until another time.

Karl A. Schreiner,
Grayling

Fourth of July was a 'booming' success

By Marie Scott,
VFW Auxiliary 3736

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress announced that it had declared independence from the mother country, England, and had adopted the Declaration of Independence as its founding document.

This was the birth of our nation. The idea of celebrating the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence started

in Philadelphia the next year, 1777. Bells rang, canons boomed, and at night, there were bonfires and fireworks.

The tradition carries on 219 years later. We, as a nation, lavishly celebrate this holiday each year with parades, family get-togethers, games, parties, fireworks and at night, the wonderful fireworks.

Here in Grayling, a small town in northern Michigan, we are not to be out done, with great thanks to the

community, we too lavishly celebrated the Declaration of Independence.

Our day started with the parade, put together by the dedicated Carl W. Borchers Auxiliary No. 3736.

The parade was led by the Grayling Police Department and the honor guard from Camp Grayling. Representative Allen Lowe was the parade marshal. The National Guard vehicles, driven by Sgt. Terry Stiles, SPC E4 Stephen Pintar, Sgt. Jeff Trembath and SPC E4 Dan Hartin, were loaned for the

veterans to ride in.

Veterans representing the American Legion Post No. 106, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and Auxiliary No. 3736, Post No. 5832 proudly marched with their colors. Joseph Gonica drove the Disabled American Veterans van, Randy Thompson drove his red, white and blue bus, and employees of Century 21 marched along proudly waving their American flags.

Others participating in the parade were Miss Grayling and her court riding on the chamber of commerce float; Grayling Promotional Association; Grayling Recreational Authority, Hanson Hills; Crawford County Sheriff Dept. with two cars and their marine patrol; McGruff the crime dog; Frederic Twp. Fire Dept. and ambulance; North Flight EMTs; Grayling City Police; Grayling City and Township Fire Dept.; Boy Scout Troop #994 from Mt. Hope Lutheran Church; Terry Wright and his election committee and float; Dave Camp; Jerry Morford; Dean Altobelli from Escanaba and walkers; WGRY radio station; Animal Shelter of Crawford County workers with animals; clowns; Merritt Speedway; Bill Beck and Dale Lozon with Race Car #10 and several old cars.

Grayling Country Club donated the use of the golf carts, monetary donations were received from Roger Moshier, American Legion Auxiliary, Terry Wright and Weyerhaeuser.

After the parade, Grayling Youth Boosters took over with their activities at the city park. The kids fishing contest started at 12:30 p.m. and found kids on both sides of the AuSable River and on the bridge. Each trying their luck in catching the biggest fish in the AuSable.

Many children's games were held in the afternoon, and you know everyone was having fun by the expressions of cheers and ohs. Free Wheelin' Fred's music was enjoyed by the dancers as well as the spectators. The steady lines at the concession stand assured you that everyone was enjoying the delicious kielbasa, hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy and the cool beverages.

At dark, at the Grayling Country Club, the Grayling Youth Boosters again gave us a spectacular fireworks display.

Thank you, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Philip Livingston, Roger Sherman, John Hancock and all the other pioneers that wrote and instituted the Declaration of Independence, and all the men and women across our great nation that have defended this independence so that we could celebrate and have a glorious July Fourth.

JIM FITZGERALD

Drunken cops stretch the limits of courtesy

If you ever see a drunken cop cause an auto accident and then begin reading an old magazine, don't be puzzled. The cop is simply waiting for his appointment.

I learned that from reading a splendid series of Free Press articles titled "The Badge of Privilege." A veteran Wayne County police officer was asked why cops often don't arrest other cops for breaking the law.

"It's like a cardiologist wouldn't charge another doctor the normal price for his services. It's called professional courtesy," the cop explained.

Sure, it probably works something like this:

A Dearborn cop is planning a night out in Detroit strip joints, and he realizes he will probably drink too much beer to drive safely. So he phones Detroit Police Headquarters and asks for an appointment.

"Do you have insurance?" the desk sergeant asks.

Yes, Blue Uniform.

The accidents start stacking up

The sergeant then writes down the approximate time and location of the auto accident that the Dearborn officer expects to be too drunk to avoid. This information is passed on to the appropriate precinct where patrol officers are taken off less important duties, such as arresting murderers, and assigned to be on the lookout for a drunken cop in need of professional courtesy.

If it's a large precinct and a Friday night, with a lot of professional courtesy business in the streets, it's

probable the Detroit officers will get tied up with, say, an extra-drunken Taylor cop celebrating a promotion to detective. Unavoidably, the Detroit cops are late keeping their appointment at the scene of the Dearborn cop's accident.

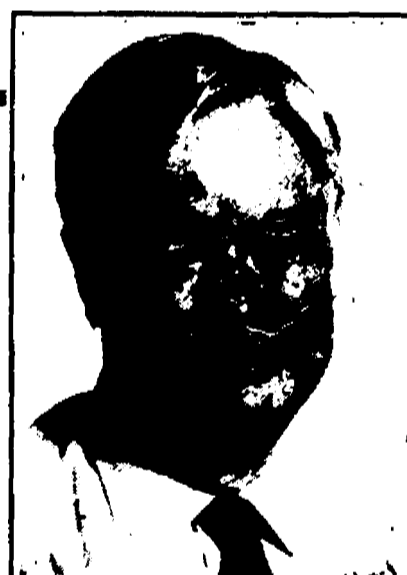
That's when the Dearborn cop's damaged car becomes a waiting room. Before beginning to read the old magazines kept in the glove compartment for just such an occasion, the cop checks on the people in the car he hit while running a red light. He is professionally courteous, just in case the other driver is also a cop.

The Dearborn cop tells the people in the other car that he was there ahead of them. That means he gets taken care of first when the Detroit patrol car arrives, and they'll just have to wait their turn. They don't protest, probably because they're dead.

Keeping everything organized

Of course, if the people in the other car had been able to speak, there could have been an embarrassing argument. That's why several police unions want included in their next contract a requirement that the sanctity of professional courtesy be protected by the stationing of white-clad receptionists at busy street corners every Friday and Saturday night.

It would be a receptionist's job to instruct ordinary citizens injured by a drunken cop that there's been a sudden emergency and the patrol officers won't be able to see them until after an incapacitated police officer is taken home and put to bed.



Anyway, following the usual procedure, after the Detroit patrol cops arrive and determine that the Dearborn cop requires professional courtesy, they transport him to Detroit Police Headquarters, put him in an examination room, and tell him a high-ranking officer will see him soon. He is advised to polish his badge while waiting.

Subsequently, the high-ranking Detroit officer appears and assures the drunken cop there's nothing to worry about. He asks the drunken cop several incisive questions, writes the answers on a medical chart, recommends heat therapy, and burns the chart.

The drunken officer asks for a second opinion.

Meanwhile, the patrol officers return to the scene of the accident where they tell the people in the other car they're lucky they're dead, otherwise they'd be charged with interfering with an officer in the sowing of his Hippocratic oats.

The Dearborn cop's superior officer, after checking his driving record, gives the second opinion. It is that the drunken cop should be issued a uniform with ties in the back.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten but please double space or use every other line.

Every letter must be signed and an address or phone number should be included. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Letters are limited to 500 words.

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not reflect the views of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Community pride is lacking

To the editor,

Didn't the community look good for all the visitors and residents over the holiday weekend?

Thanks to several members of the Grayling Area Visitors Council, several areas that get neglected by their owners got spruced up along I-75 Business Loop.

Isn't it too bad that these areas get forgotten week after week.

It would be nice if the community took more pride in the appearance of their property...especially on a long holiday weekend when many visitors came to Grayling.

Or perhaps we need an ordinance to help remind property owners of their responsibility to keep their property mowed.

Don and Rae Ann Schanz,
Grayling

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

The following editorial/article was written as part of a Grayling Middle School final examination in the Journalism program.

Since the examinations were not finished in time to be published in the schools' Viking Press newspaper, the Avalanche will print one per week throughout the summer months.

Education that is home-grown

By Sara Kenney

Home schooling has a place in the education system. It is a choice that parents make to teach their children at home. This is important to those families who disagree.

Home schooling is when parents choose to have their children out of a public school and teach them at home. "I would like to be at a public school because you get more opportunities to

be with your friends" says Tricia Greisemer (8). If you are schooled you don't have to take the MEAP test because you are not at a public school. If you want to go to college you have to take ACT.

Mrs. Lori Johnson, an inclusion teacher at GMS, has taught home-bound students off and on for a seven year period and says it's been a real challenge. "When home schooled, it is harder for the student to get in to college because of lack of records," says Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Ruth Ann Lowe home schooled her children for a total of six years. The highest grade she has worked with was eighth grade. The older her children became, the longer the school day would be. Her son Nathan Lowe, now in fourth grade, just started attending Grayling Elementary School.

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SCHOOL

Crawford AuSable schools reverse starting times

The Crawford AuSable Board of Education approved a change in starting times for district buildings by reversing the order in which buildings will start school.

The board hopes the earlier start time will reduce the amount of time that high school and middle school students are at school prior to the start of classes, making student supervision less of an issue.

It will increase the time that elementary students are at school prior to start of class, making it easier for students to participate in the breakfast program.

The change in starting times will not affect pickup times for district buses.

The new schedule includes an additional seven minutes of instructional time daily. The state legislature has required additional time to be added annually for the next 11 years.

Building Starting Times

	High School	Middle School	Grayling AuSable Elementaries	Frederic Elementary
START	8:15 a.m. 8:55 a.m.	8:35 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	8:40 a.m. 8:25 a.m.	8:50 a.m. 8:40 a.m.
END	2:52 p.m. 3:25 p.m.	3:07 p.m. 3:10 p.m.	3:17 p.m. 2:55 p.m.	3:27 p.m. 3:10 p.m.
LEAVE	2:57 p.m.	3:12 p.m.	3:25 p.m.	3:35 p.m.

The proposed starting and ending times are in bold, the current starting and ending times are in normal typeface.

No to School of Choice

The Crawford AuSable Board of Education voted to opt out of Schools of Choice at the Monday, June 17 meeting.

An amendment of the State School Aid Act, which was passed by the state legislature earlier this month, allowed schools to accept transfer students from within the school's intermediate school district without a release from the student's district of residence.

The intermediate school district for Crawford AuSable is COOR ISD, which includes Crawford, Ogemaw, Otsego and Roscommon counties.

The district will continue to accept

or not accept out-of-district tuition students on a case-by-case basis. The out-of-district student must have a release from the district of residence before Crawford AuSable would accept the student.

In opting out of Schools of Choice, the board of education specifically cited the failure of the legislature to equitably address the issue of special education funding.

The potential liability for the high cost of special education programming, with very little funding from the state beyond the basic foundation grant, forced the board to opt out of Schools of Choice.



A GREAT FIELD TRIP--Big Kids of Crawford AuSable Day Care summer camp take a tour of M.A.T.E.S. given by 1st Sgt. Randy Richardson.

HONORS LIST

A total of 990 students received degrees from Michigan Technological University at the Spring 1996 commencement ceremony.

The graduates with honors are indicated as follows: Cum Laude—3.0 and higher; Magna Cum Laude—3.5 and higher; Summa Cum Laude—3.75 and higher.

The following students received degrees:

Nicole Barnes of Frederic, received a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, and graduated Cum Laude.

Joseph Laprad of Houghton Lake, received a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and graduated Cum Laude.

Walter Fallon

Andrea Parrott of Prudenville, received a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, and graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Craig Henning of Roscommon, received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, and graduated Cum Laude.

The dean's list for Northern Michigan University's winter semester, which ended April 26, includes 1,329 undergraduates.

Heading the list are 112 students who earned all A's (4.0 grade-point average). Among those on that list was Andrea Schall, a Roscommon High School graduate.

Among those with a 3.25-3.99 grade-point average, were Donald Gravelyn, Matthew Branch and Heidi Craigie, all graduates of Grayling High School, and David Kelsey, a Roscommon High School graduate.

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SUN. 14	• ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today. • VISIT THE GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY - Open 10 am - 6 pm daily.
MON. 15	• WELLINGTON FARM PARK citizen's advisory board meeting. • AMERICAN ASSOC. OF RETIRED PERSONS meeting @ COA office, 1:30 pm. • GUIDED HIKES @ Hartwick Pines State Park, 11 am & 1 pm daily.
TUES. 16	• CIRCUS HELD @ the fairgrounds, 4:30 & 7:30 pm. • AUSABLE RIVER Canoe Marathon meeting @ Mini Mall race office, 7 pm. • CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMALS meeting @ Milltown Groomers, 7 pm. For more information call 348-4117. • AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S Association dinner meeting @ 5:30 pm. • COA GUEST SPEAKER, Judge John Hunter RE. "Wills, Living Wills, & Durable Power of Attorney", 5:30 pm.
WED. 17	• WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W., weigh-in 4:45; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy 348-5321. • COA BOARD MEETING @ Senior Citizen Center, 5:30 pm. • GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY meeting @ Hanson Hills, 5 pm. • LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breakers Steak House, 6:30 pm.

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From the Calvary Baptist Church

Issue 8: Raising the standard of morality

"Problem: The nuclear family—the keystone of America's societal infrastructure—is an endangered species. A host of anti-family predators, including drug abuse, homosexuality, and pornography, stalk the family and doggedly seek its dissolution.

"Principle: The commitment to monogamous, heterosexual marriage and reproduction of children is the bond of civilization and the prerequisite for development of acceptable cultural standards. Any vice, device, or advice which serves to distort or pervert Biblical standards for familial behavior is to be shamefully exposed, not glorified.

"BIBLICAL REALITY affirms that man is a sinner by nature (*Romans 3:23; 5:12*) and that he is incapable of knowing right from wrong on his own

(*Jeremiah 17:9; John 14:6; Ephesians 4:22*). Without the Bible—the only infallible guide to morality (*2 Timothy 3:16,17*)—man is prone to follow the dictates of his sinful nature (*Proverbs 14:34; 29:18*). Love for God and love for neighbor are the twin towers safeguarding and guaranteeing a moral society (*Matthew 22:36-40*). Scripture establishes heterosexual monogamy for the reproduction of children as God's only standard for marriage (*Genesis 2:24; 1:28*). The unchanging principles of the Bible condemn homosexuality outright (*Genesis 19; Romans 1:26-28*). Therefore, we affirm the following:

"1. Our children must be taught the moral absolutes established in the Bible.

"2. Our children must be taught the truth of America's Biblical heritage: that this country was settled in large part by Godly men and women seeking the freedom to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience; that the Founding Fathers of this country

were God-fearing men; and that the documents upon which our freedoms are based do little more than reflect the teaching of Scripture.

"3. Government must recognize that man-woman marriage, instituted by God from the beginning, is still the only standard for marriage.

"4. Government must recognize that homosexuality is not an 'alternate lifestyle' equal to monogamous, heterosexual marriage but that homosexuality in any form is sin and destroys the fabric of society."

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The Parish of St. Francis' Episcopal Church in Grayling, has a new vicar after two years without one.

Rev. Robert P. Henley, 50, comes to Grayling from Charlotte, N.C., where he was part-time vicar of a small church, as well as full-time counselor for the Presbyterian Employee Assistance Program.

Henley and his dog made the trip to Grayling last Friday. His wife, Ann, and his two daughters, Mariah, 18, and Merrie Hope, 17, will arrive in about three weeks.

Henley held worship services for the church for the first time, Sunday, July 7. After the 10:30 a.m. service, a potluck dinner was held to welcome Rev. Henley to St. Francis' Episcopal Church.

Mariah and Merrie Hope will be returning to North Carolina this fall. Mariah will be attending a junior college in Charlotte. Merrie Hope will finish her last year of high school.

"I believe God calls me to blend faith and counseling in a parish," said Henley. "I am Christ-centered, value health, community, simplicity and gentleness."

Born in Tennessee, Henley served

for several years as a minister in Gladwin. Before that, he was a race-car driver and he still has interest in that area. He said that with a group of friends he has been working for nine years to build a 900-pound car that can go 150 miles per hour.

Henley has a degree in physical education. At one time, he had plans to be a wrestling or football coach.

"Smaller churches across the nation have real challenges in surviving," said Henley. There is a need to be bivocational, which is what he did in North Carolina.

"It got to the point where I finally decided to do one thing," said Henley of his choice to be a full-time vicar at St. Francis' Episcopal Church.

The family of St. Francis' joyfully greets the Henleys and looks forward to the ministry they will share.

The congregation is hopeful that the community will make the Henleys feel welcome.

Worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning.

According to church members, St. Francis' is a family-centered, spirit-filled congregation that welcomes all who pass through its doors.

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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 p.m.

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President Larry A. Cook
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Sunday School 11 a.m.
Primary 11 a.m.
Priesthood 12 noon
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Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Services
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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Beth and Dan Canfield would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammy Canfield, to Philip Jacobson, son of John and Brenda Jacobson of Petoskey. An Aug. 24 wedding is planned at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church at 4 p.m. Reception will follow.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Lawrence and Virginia Winslow of Grayling announce the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie Martha, to John Curtis Kulba, the son of Bill and Pat Kulba of Farmington. The bride is employed by WWMT-TV-Channel 3 as a producer. The groom is employed at Crystal Radio Group as news director. The wedding will take place in Kalamazoo on Sept. 7, 1996.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Bill and Lorraine Freedlund of Freeport, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Louise, to Steven Arnold Stancil, son of Arnold and Cathy Stancil of Grayling.

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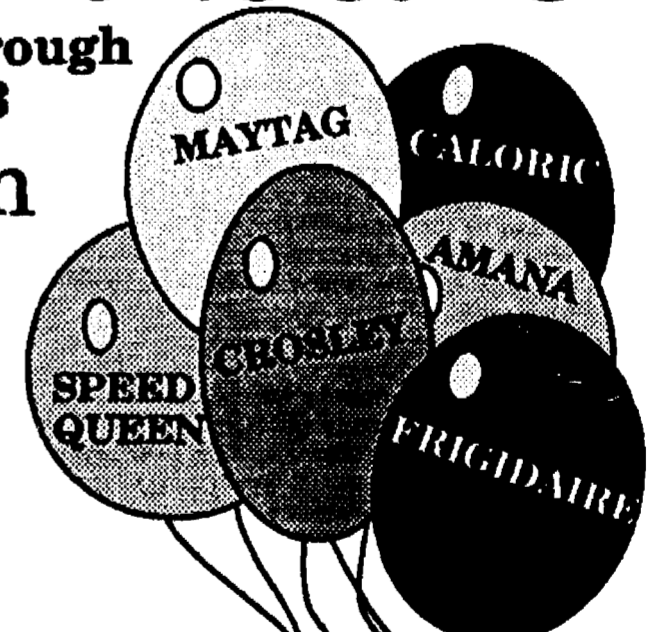
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Friends and relatives attended to offer congratulations.

Patricia's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Hewitt, both Grayling High School alumni, and area residents for many years. She was born in Grayling in 1925.

The Cook's children are former Frederic Elementary School principal, Andrew Cook, of Swartz Creek; Phyllis Smith, Joan Cook and Daniel Cook.

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DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

While out taking photos, I stopped near the old dam that once held the water supply for the nursery, and as I selected another position from which to take a picture, a large dragonfly darted into view providing an exhibition of its well-known flying skills.

Dragonflies have more maneuvering skills than other insects, of which there are more than 800,000 species. They hover, execute quick, sharp turns, move up and down or to the side with apparent ease.

According to one source, there are more than 4,870 species found in the temperate and tropical areas all over the world.

The most-common species of the true dragonflies, the green damer, has clear-membranous wings and a green head and thorax.

The green damer is found in the Americas from Alaska to Costa Rica. Dragonflies are members of an order of predaceous insects, which also includes the damselflies. While a damselfly holds its wings above its body when at rest, a dragonfly holds its wing spread out in a nearly-horizontal position when at rest.

Both damselflies and dragonflies have large heads, large compound eyes and a short antennae. Both insects

have mouths adapted for biting.

The dragonfly holds its legs in a trap-like basket when in flight, and prey caught in this trap is passed to the mouth and eaten while the dragonfly is in flight.

Their wings are elongated, their abdomens are long and their legs are located far forward on the body and seldom used for walking. Both the damselfly and the dragonfly have been

called some unusual names such as darning needle, snake feeder and the devil's darning needle.

The eggs of both species hatch in the water, becoming nymphs where they feed on various forms of aquatic life, including small minnows. Some eggs are simply dropped in the water, while other species attach their eggs to

the stems of plants just below the water line.

Damselflies make slits in the stems of plants just below the water line where they lay their eggs. Dragonflies remain in the nymph form for up to three years, going through numerous molts before emerging from the water to metamorphose into adults.

School district's report card has arrived

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"My concern is making academic excellence a priority and our MEAP scores say it hasn't been," she said. "They're declining."

"Our district built a football field which will seat approximately twice the number of spectators that have ever attended a Grayling sporting event," said Pettyjohn.

"Our MEAP scores are never going to improve if our school district doesn't prioritize its spending," said Pettyjohn. "We have money for everything else."

The report also lists Crawford AuSable Schools as having the second-lowest completion/graduation rate and the second-highest dropout rate for the 1994-95 school year, which is the most recent year available.

Crawford AuSable's completion/graduation rate is listed at 76.3 percent. This number indicates the per-

centage of ninth grade students who will complete their senior year of school and graduate.

The dropout rate for Crawford AuSable Schools is listed at 5.8 percent. The dropout rate indicates the percentage of students who left school and did not return during the following school year. The number applies to grades 9-12 only. This is a one-year rate.

Reynolds raises several questions concerning the dropout rate. If a student transfers to another school, but doesn't request records, are they a dropout? If the student drops out once, comes back to school, and drops out again is that one dropout or two?

For the 1993-94 school year, Crawford AuSable's dropout rate was 2.4. In the same year, the completion/graduation rate for the district was 90.3 percent.

6-year-old drowns in Higgins Lake

A six-year-old Frankenmuth girl died Sunday, June 30, when she drowned while swimming in North Higgins Lake State Park.

Natalie Samson, the daughter of Randy and Martha Samson, was vacationing when the accident occurred. Her parents had looked away briefly.

Shortly before 3 p.m., officers from the Crawford County Sheriff Department's Marine Safety Unit responded to the drowning.

Efforts by bystanders and emergency personnel to revive the girl were unsuccessful. She was pronounced dead at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

Besides her parents, Natalie is survived by two sisters.

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: Junk is the stuff we throw away...stuff is the junk we save.

Busy times at the senior center: July will prove exhausting if you try to hit everything, but hang in and come as often as you can. On Wednesday, July 10, commodities at Breaker's from 12:30-2 p.m., and birthday dinner at 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, July 11—blood pressures and sugars taken from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, and a white elephant auction at 5:30 p.m.; Frederic Satellite on Friday the 12th at 11:30 a.m. in the

hobby club. Special speaker on the 16th, with Judge John Hunter talking to us about wills, living wills and durable power of attorney at 5:30 p.m.; COA board meeting on the 17th at 5:30 p.m.

Bicycle club starts on July 8, and will go every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m., from the center. There are the big three-wheelers and they have been refurbished and are set to go. Anyone wishing to ride, be at the center at 8:30 sharp.

Cards parties on Tuesdays, from 1

and 4 p.m., and play bridge, euchre, pinochle, etc. Note the other cards day on Thursdays at 3 p.m. (or earlier if you choose).

If you haven't discovered the senior center yet, it is time you found out for yourselves how much fun the seniors have with the various activities offered. Stop by or give us a call if you have any questions, or just for fun. (308 Lawndale, 348-7123.)

Come and eat at the center. The meals are tasty, well balanced, and it is really the best deal in town! \$1.50

donation for seniors, and the charge for those under 60 is \$3. Meals are served at 12 noon and 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 12 noon only on Fridays. Menus are subject to change without notice.

Lunch/Dinner

July 10—Swiss Steak/Hawaiian Ham;
July 11—Oven Pork/Porcupine Meatballs;
July 12—Roast Beef/No Dinner;
July 13—Beef Tips & Noodles/Vealbirds;
July 14—Fish/Kielbasa & Kraut;
July 15—Roast Pork/Herbed Chicken;
July 16—Meatloaf/Beef Chop Suey;
July 17—Swiss Steak/No Dinner;
July 18—Meatloaf/Beef Chop Suey;
July 19—Swiss Steak/No Dinner.

Questions answered by the VA

Question: I am interested in the eligibility requirement for tuition assistance payments under the post-Vietnam Era GI Bill (Chapter 32), the Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP). Are benefits still available? What is the latest date that a service person could contribute to VEAP?

Answer: Benefits are indeed available under that law for eligible veterans. Service members must have contributed before April 1, 1987. (Note: an earlier column contained a typographical error incorrectly reporting that cutoff date.)

Question: May I receive Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30)

educational benefits for courses offered on public educational television stations?

Answer: VA educational benefits may be paid for courses taken by open-circuit, broadcast television when taken concurrently with one or more in-residence courses, if all of the courses are creditable toward your certified educational objective.

Question: Is a child receiving Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (Chapter 35) eligible to receive payments for correspondence courses?

Answer: No. Only the spouse may receive payment for correspondence courses under this program.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Penny and John Miller and son, Robert, of Troy, Ohio, have been spending about 10 days in this area. They spent most of the time with her mother, Alice Winslow, and also visited in Petoskey for a couple of days.

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But wait—that phone call may save your life.

What your pharmacist does for you

Your independent pharmacist performs a number of professional services on your behalf of which you may not be aware, according to NARD, the national association representing independent retail pharmacies. Each time you bring a prescription to your pharmacist, he or she completes a six-step process.

First, your pharmacist will double check the prescription your physician has written. Your pharmacist will make sure that the prescription is the correct drug to treat your condition, that the dose, strength and quantity are adequate, and that the form of the medication (for example, liquid or pill) is the best form for you.

Then, the pharmacist reviews your medical history and looks

for allergies and interactions in your computer file. If you are cared for by more than one physician, or you are taking more than one medication, your pharmacist will check for a possible overlap in treatment.

If the pharmacist decides there is a potential problem, he or she will take whatever action is necessary to resolve that problem. For example, if your doctor prescribes penicillin and you are allergic to it, your pharmacist will call your physician to discuss using another antibiotic.

The next step our pharmacist takes is to dispense your medication. If you have arthritis, your pharmacist will use an easy-to-open container, or if there are young children in the house, a child-proof one.

Your pharmacist will also attach information about your prescription (the name of the drug, the dose, the expiration date) to the vial. There may be brightly-colored stickers to remind you of important facts about your medicine—that it causes drowsiness or should be taken on a full stomach, for example.

The fifth step is essential in making sure you understand why and how you are to take the medication that has been prescribed. During the counseling session, your pharmacist will give you verbal,

and often written, instructions on taking your medication. It may be important for you to take your medication at mealtime or with a glass of water. This is also a good opportunity to ask your pharmacist questions you may have about your medication.

Finally, if you are refilling a prescription, your pharmacist will monitor your progress by

asking about side effects. It is important to continue taking the medication until your physician determines that it is appropriate to stop treatment or to begin another medication.

So, if it's taking a little longer than you expected to get your prescription filled, remember that it's time well spent. The higher quality of health care you're getting is worth the wait.

Creative solutions

Here are some tips to help with arthritis and other problems:

1. Use an adjustable ironing board as a night stand.
2. Use a webbed lawn chair in the bath or shower.
3. Use satin sheets and pillowcases for the bed or wear tricort pajamas or short nightgowns to make turning easier.
4. Put on a terrycloth bathrobe after a bath or shower to make drying easier.
5. Fold the corner of a bandage when you apply it for easier removal.
6. In your kitchen, roll bottles and jars on the counter instead of shaking to mix the contents.
7. Pull out a drawer and put a

- cookie sheet on it to create and lower working space so you can sit.
8. Have someone roll a rubber band around the lid of a jar to make it easier to open.
9. When dressing, put the garment on the weaker limb first and remove it from the stronger one first.
10. Wear lightweight silk long underwear when you need to keep warm; it works as well as cotton thermal underwear and it is not bulky or heavy.
11. Wear knee-high hose under slacks or thigh-high under dresses; they are easier to put on than pantyhose.
12. Rub soles of new shoes with a piece of sandpaper and they will not be slippery.

Open House

The Senior Citizen Activity Committee will hold an open house in honor of the new COA board members, director and their families. The open house will be held July 21, with social hour at 1 p.m., and a potluck luncheon at 2 p.m. Table service will be provided, along with meats and refreshments. Using your last name as a guide, you are asked to bring the following: A-E, salads; F-J, relish tray; K-O, beans; P-T, desserts; and U-Z, breads, crackers, chips.

White's World

By Ken White, Commission on Aging Director

Since last month, my multi-faceted, on-the-job training has continued. I had numerous meetings, attended satellites, made home visits and met a lot of our seniors. We had a beautiful Father's Day dinner and dance. Our hot dog sale was a great success. The Frederic Elementary Chorus sang for the seniors and did an outstanding job, and all in all we had a great month of June. (Including all the rain!)

We are excited about a raffle we are holding on July 27, the day of the Canoe Marathon. We will raffle a brand new Kenmore microwave oven. It's features include a white exterior, 850 watt, 1 cu. ft. capacity with turntable. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5, available at the center or from many of the seniors.

After a series of home visits, one request was mentioned

time and time again ...homebound folks and those that are unable to do for themselves need help with simple chores such as: mowing grass, washing windows, shampooing carpeting, repairing a step or whatever that they can't do themselves. We need a few volunteers, any age, that would be willing to help out these seniors. Just call us, 348-7123, or stop by at 308 Lawndale. We will be the go-between supplying the names of those who need and those that will help.

We completed a little beautification project in front of the center. The seniors thought up the project, implemented the ideas and helped plant the flowers. It is amazing what a few flowers can do to brighten your day!

Ken

Commodities

MIC and senior commodities will be distributed from Breaker's Steak House (formerly Weatherly's) on Industrial Drive on Wednesday, July 10, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Those seniors that live in the housing complex will have theirs delivered by volunteers after 2 p.m. on that day.

Also, if any senior will not be able to pick up their

commodities during the time allowed at Breaker's, and would like to pick them up later at the senior center, let those at the Commission on Aging know so that they can have them there for you. They must be picked up within one week.

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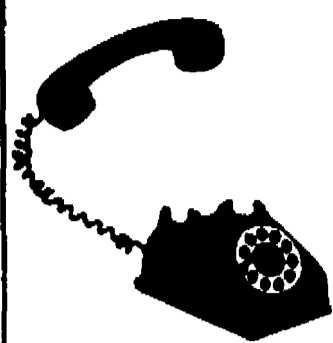
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Baby Merrill grave desecrated

By Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

I stood on the land and tried to resurrect their dream.

The rolling hills of the old Merrill farm may once have yielded a good crop of corn, potatoes or beans. But today, the land grows a lush crop of weeds, knee high, and home to grasshoppers, shiny black crickets, and lots of rocks.

All things belonging to the fallow fields remain as they were prior to March 3, 1898, the date H. T. Shafer sold his farm in Center Plains to "the gentleman from Ohio."

But it was a bad year, 1898. W. H. Barker's wife nearly died of the Grippe, and great blizzards stranded the Mackinaw "100" below Gaylord for three days. "Took three engines with plows to free her" the Avalanche correspondent said of the mishap.

The temperature plummeted to 21 below, and a man without a name was found only when the snows melted in Maple Forest. The Wilsons lost their second son, and the Jorganson infant never saw his first Christmas. Amelia All-ris, 7, died of consumption, and the farmers of Center Plains, Grove, and Maple Forest, couldn't keep the roads open for the doctor's buggy.

It was a bad year for some. Lafayette and Sarah Merrill had a new farm, a new life and dreams, but they had lost their first son.

On April 15, two days after the snow had been measured at four feet in the woods, Baby Merrill died, his mother nearly joining him to further the tragedy.

Baby Merrill was not named, of course, they often weren't in those days, but recently in the woods south of Frederic, the infant's headstone was found shamefully abandoned.

Sharon Hartman, Beaver Creek Township clerk and cemetery sexton, said of the vandal's cowardly act of desecration, "how sad that someone would do something like that."

"We have located the corner markers in Pere Cheney's cemetery, and we do have the cement to replace the headstone. It would be nice if members of the family could attend, if possible," she said. I agreed.

Forest Annis, who's father and grandfather settled in that area in 1882, claimed "there are no more Merrills around here descended from the original family. Before my time, they settled the area that was called the Love Settlement."

Henrietta Love and Lafayette Merrill deeded the State of Michigan enough property in 1912 for the roadway. "But once the lumber was gone and the farms played out, people left the area. Two geographical areas — Beaver Creek and Center Plains — became one political township, and everything began to change," said Annis.

Change is inevitable, no matter the methods used to stem its effects.

The old Merrill farm now belongs to the State of Michigan, and the farm house and out buildings have been razed. Traces of the Merrill name are gone. Even the road once bearing their name has been altered by errant cartographers. Merrill Road has been poorly rendered "Merrio Road" on the

plat books through the swipe of a careless hand.

Replacing "Baby Merrill's" grave marker is the right thing to do.

(Editor's Note: Baby Merrill's

gravestone should be placed in its rightful spot sometime this week. The Avalanche will have a story on the placement in next week's issue.)



REST IN PEACE--Tombstone found near Fredric will be replaced in its rightful location.

Attorney General rules on conflicts of interest

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Lowe said, "I just want the issue resolved, it's been years. We need closure." He indicated that several people in the community were upset with him for asking for the attorney general's opinion.

"In Crawford County, people want you to take sides on an issue," said Lowe. "They think government should be there for them, but government shouldn't be there for the other side."

"I don't see that in other communities. People work together more (in other communities)," said Lowe.

It could be difficult to determine

whether or not McLachlan's case falls under the same law that the attorney general indicated. Although the landfill was purchased by City Management of Northern Michigan and McLachlan's contracts were with City Management of Northern Michigan, the landfill purchase company was not the same company contracting with McLachlan.

The two companies have different corporation identification numbers. The company, City Management of Northern Michigan, that purchased the landfill changed its name several times. The first time to City Environmental

Services, Inc. of Northern Michigan and then to City Environmental Services, Inc. of Waters.

The company that McLachlan signed contracts with was originally named City Disposal of Northern Michigan. It then changed its name to City Environmental Services, Inc. of Northern Michigan on the same day that the company that purchased the landfill abandoned that name.

It was after this name change that McLachlan signed contracts with City Environmental Services, Inc. of Northern Michigan.

Regarding the matter, Huss in his

written opinion said, "However, there is no doubt in my mind given the facts that corporate names were being abandoned and then 'picked up' by these different corporations on the same day, that the registered offices in all instances, (to the same address) 3400 East Lafayette, Detroit, Michigan and that all documents were returnable to (Huss named a person, City Management Corporation and the above address) that all of the strings were being pulled by one puppeteer."

The Crawford County Avalanche was unable to contact McLachlan for comments, although attempts were made.

Background on a complicated matter

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At the time of sale, McLachlan owned a local waste hauling business, Milltown Refuse. He had accepted a bid to sell his company to City Management on Dec. 12, 1991. He informed the board of commissioners of the possible sale at the organizational meeting in January 1992.

In September 1991, the board had been told by John Miller, director of the Solid Waste Management Authority that all of the county's waste haulers will probably be consumed or forced out of business with the sale of the landfill to City Management Corporation.

McLachlan sold his company, Milltown Refuse, to City Environmental Services Inc. of Northern Michigan on Jan. 29, 1992. He entered into both a consulting agreement and an agree-

ment not to compete. Both of these agreements began Feb. 9, 1992 and were to last for five years.

Under the consulting agreement, McLachlan was to be paid an annual consulting fee of \$20,000. McLachlan requested and was granted a release from that agreement on Dec. 23, 1993. City Environmental Services Inc. of Northern Michigan paid him \$80,000 to sever that agreement.

On Jan. 5, 1994, McLachlan made no disclosures of any contractual relationship with City Environmental Services, Inc. of Northern Michigan or any entity connected with it.

When McLachlan did not make a disclosure, Commissioner Robert Smock asked him directly if he should make a disclosure concerning

McLachlan's involvement with City Environmental Services. McLachlan stated disclosures must be announced if there are any, not when there are none.

In fact, McLachlan was in the second year of the agreement not to compete. McLachlan and his wife, Nancy, both signed the agreement. They agreed not to compete with City Environmental and in exchange they would receive a total of \$60,000 paid quarterly for a five year period.

McLachlan again failed to make a disclosure regarding the agreement not to compete at the board's organizational meeting in January 1995.

In the past, McLachlan had made disclosures to the board regarding his ownership of Milltown Refuse, and later his contract with City Environmental Services to serve as a consultant. He never disclosed his agreement with City Environmental Services not to compete until January 1996.

After his disclosure, McLachlan said his contract is not a conflict because any decisions he has, or might not take part in, has no bearing on his finances. The contract sets a specific amount of money that he is paid and no decision by the board can change it, he said.

"Nothing is contingent on how I vote on landfill issues," said McLachlan at January's organizational meeting.

In March, Crawford County's Prosecuting Attorney John Huss found McLachlan in conflict at least 13 times since Jan. 5, 1994. Huss stated McLachlan should forfeit \$1,300 to the county.

In June, Attorney General Frank Kelley issued an opinion regarding conflicts of interests.

Information for the background on this issue was compiled from a Crawford County Sheriff Department case report. The report was done by Detective Richard Meyer earlier this year.

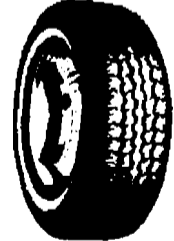


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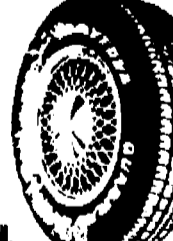
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Blaauw makes most of high school experience

By Althea Mathews
Special Writer

Hitting the courts, as well as hitting the books, comes easy to Brooke Blaauw.

Blaauw, Grayling High School academic standout and star athlete, will be attending Adrian College this fall. She plans to pursue a doctorate in child psychology.

Blaauw graduated tri-valuedictorian, and was a member of the National Honor Society for two years.

In addition to her academic achievements, she was named Most Valuable Player by her teammates in volleyball and softball, and earned a spot in the all-conference team for both sports. She received all-conference honorable mention in basketball.

Perhaps the most unique highlight of Blaauw's high school athletic career was her last softball game as a Viking, during which she played all nine positions.

"You'd see me moving around the



BROOKE BLAAUW

field — first I'd be at first, then I'd go to second," said Blaauw. "Everybody was like, 'What are you doing, Brooke, what are you doing?' I'm like, 'I'm gonna try to play all nine positions.' And I did it!"

Despite her busy academic and athletic schedule, Blaauw found time to serve as a member of student council for four years and as a student coordinator of blood drives held at

Grayling High School and sponsored by the American Red Cross.

Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Bentley Laser nominated Blaauw for the Wendy's Heisman Award, given by Wendy's Restaurants to high school students who excel in citizenship and athletic performance.

Blaauw also had the opportunity to display her citizenry in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where she was an exchange

student last summer.

In Brazil, she experienced a cuisine that did not vary from the rice and beans staples; the ever-present threat of thieves coveting her Air Nikes; and the customary greeting of kisses on both cheeks. Oddly enough, her host family was Japanese.

Said Blaauw, "It [Sao Paulo] had 15 million people. I've always lived in Grayling, so I was culture shocked. I

missed home a lot, but it was well worth it. Not only did I learn all about Brazil, but I also learned about Japanese customs."

This summer, Blaauw will welcome a Brazilian foreign-exchange student to Grayling.

In addition to experiencing the other side of cultural exchange, Blaauw is volunteering as umpire for girls' junior

league softball and will play basketball in upcoming Gus Macker three-on-three basketball tournaments in Alpena and Sault Ste. Marie.

She also continues to work as a waitress at Big Boy Restaurant, where she has been employed for the past four years.

Blaauw is the daughter of Jed and Mary Kay Blaauw of Grayling.

Kelly Miller Circus back for second year

The circus is coming to town, Tuesday, July 16, for two performances at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Founded in 1938 by the Miller family of Oklahoma, the Kelly Miller Circus is one of the few remaining tented circuses in the United States.

Audiences can expect an old-fashioned circus, according to co-owner

and manager David Rawls.

"Our business is built on tradition," he said. Rawls invites the public to a free preview of the circus Tuesday morning.

Beginning at 7:30 a.m., the animals will be unloaded and the tents raised. The tents will go in the air between 8:30-9 a.m. Guides will be furnished

for children of elementary-school age.

The circus arrives in Grayling through the joint efforts of the American Business Women's Association and the Crawford County Fair Association.

To win free tickets to the circus, listen to WGRY 100.3 FM. The free tickets were donated by local indi-

viduals and businesses.

Advance tickets are on sale now at Mac's Drug Store, Glen's Market and 7 to 11. Adult tickets cost \$7 and children's tickets cost \$4. Tickets will cost \$1 more at the door.

Seating is limited and there will only be two shows, so purchasing tickets in advance is recommended.

A new look for Moshier Auto

By Michael D. Lee
Staff Writer

Moshier's Auto Repair will have a new look thanks to a \$3,000 loan from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) department.

Roger Moshier, owner, said the improvements will "make the place look a little more pleasant rather than falling apart." According to Moshier, most of the work that will be done includes a new reversed board and batten facade, paint, and double-paned and insulated windows.

Moshier said he is not sure when the work will begin. He is currently taking bids, one from Len Rodney, and also from Moshier's son-in-law and brother-in-law.

According to Moshier, the total cost for the work will be between \$6,000 and \$6,500. A HUD matching loan will provide \$3,000 of the total cost. However, Moshier says he may spend up to \$3,500 on the new look.

The one-time loan will be due when the business is sold.

This loan program, said Moshier, is championed by Randy Thompson of Century 21. It is intended to improve the "milltown motif" along the I-75



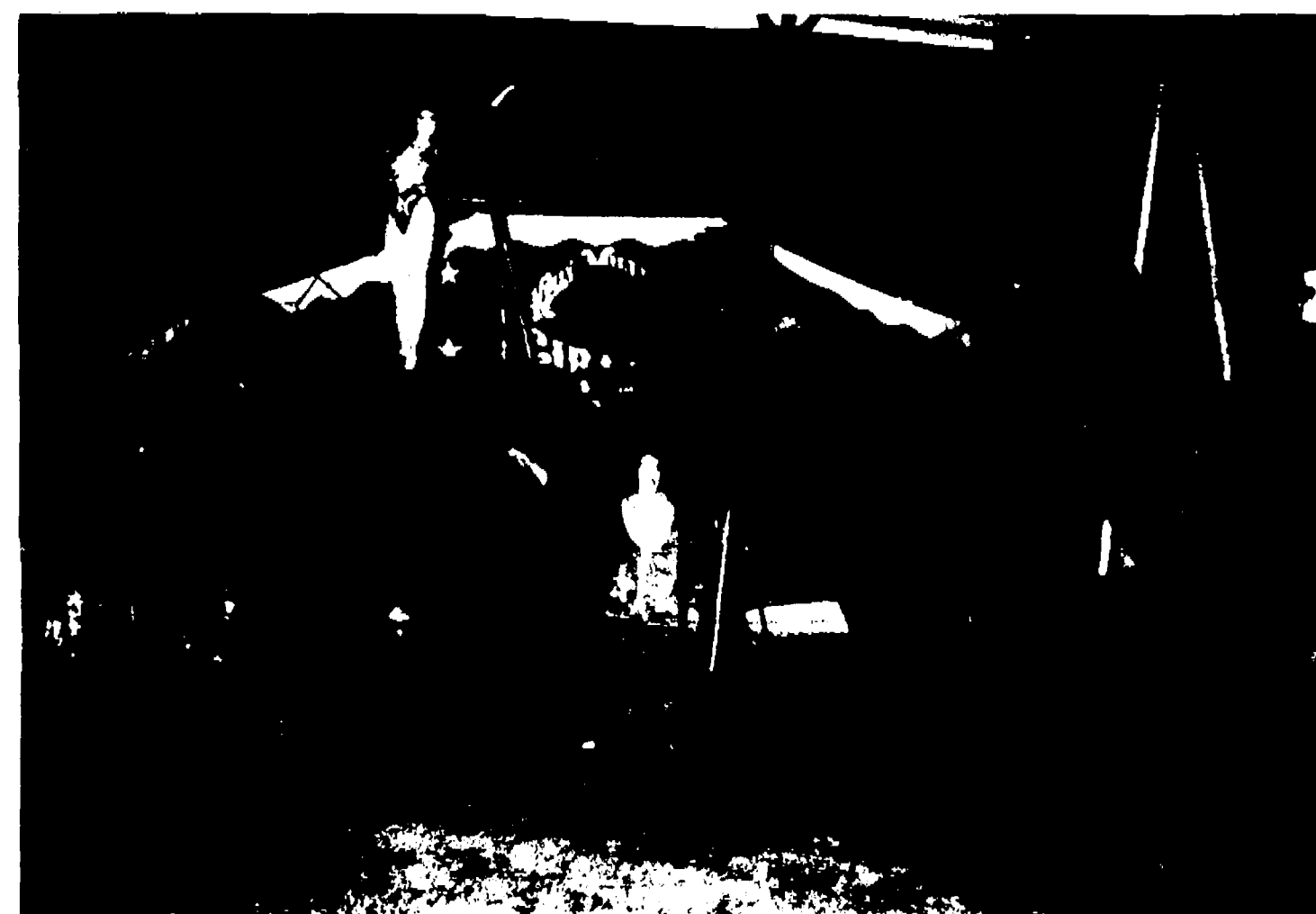
Business Loop.

Thompson could not be reached to discuss the "milltown motif."

Roger's uncle, Bill, owner of Moshier Refrigeration, has also applied for a loan. Roger says the outlook is good for that loan to be approved. They want the entire storefront to be redone instead of just one half.

Roger Moshier has operated Moshier's Auto Repair since the summer of 1974 when he inherited it after his grandfather Harry's death.

FRESHENING UP..
Moshier's Auto Repair received a HUD grant to improve their exterior.



KELLY MILLER CIRCUS

Disney legend Fulton Burley honored

By Althea Mathews
Special Writer

For years, Grayling resident William Burley's younger brother, Fulton, played straight man to Wally Boag, better known as Pecos Bill.

"What does your dad do?"

"He's an old Indian fighter."

"What does your mother do?"

"She's an old Indian!"

Fulton, well known for his role of emcee in Walt Disney's *The Golden Horseshoe Revue*, was honored at the sixth-annual Disney Legends Award ceremony.

The ceremony, held at the Walt Disney Studio Animation Theater in California, recognized eight individuals who contributed significantly to the success of Disney entertainment.

Burley was honored along with such stars as actor Dean Jones, who starred in *The Shaggy D.A.* and *The Love Bug*; and Angela Lansbury, who played the apprentice witch in *Bedknobs and Broomsticks* and also is known for her lead role as Jessica Fletcher in the long-running TV series *Murder She Wrote*.

According to Disney promotional literature, Burley, an "Irish tenor," was born in Tipperary, Ireland.

However, older brother William remembers differently.

"That's bunk," he said. "When he went to sign with MGM, to build him up, they said he was born in Tipperary. He wasn't. He was born in Toronto."

Burley had an early interest in music. During dinner, the radio would play, and if a good song came on, the whole family would stop to sing along. His mother played piano every evening. From a young age, Burley had show biz inclinations, and was a prankster extraordinaire.

"They should have called him

"Trixie," except he wasn't a girl," joked William.

Burley came to the United States in 1943, to sing lead in Billy Rose's *Diamond Horseshoe Revue*. While touring with the Broadway show, talent scouts for MGM spotted him and signed him to a seven-year contract.

He appeared in *Without Love* with Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn, as well as *Homecoming* with Clark Gable and Lana Turner.

During World War II, Burley served in the entertainment corp, performing for troops in faraway places like Greenland, Japan and India.

Following military service, he toured with several musical productions in the United States, and stayed with *The Golden Horseshoe Revue* from 1962 until his retirement in 1987.

Burley has been married to wife, Terri, for 50 years. The couple did not have children, but William's wife, Beverley, talks animatedly about Fulton's way with children.

"I used to say, 'Fult, you bring the worst out of my kids,' she said. 'He'd have them acting up, too. And with

kids it really gets 'em because he does this thing with the words backwards."

"Wonton soup. You know what that is spelled backwards? That's 'not

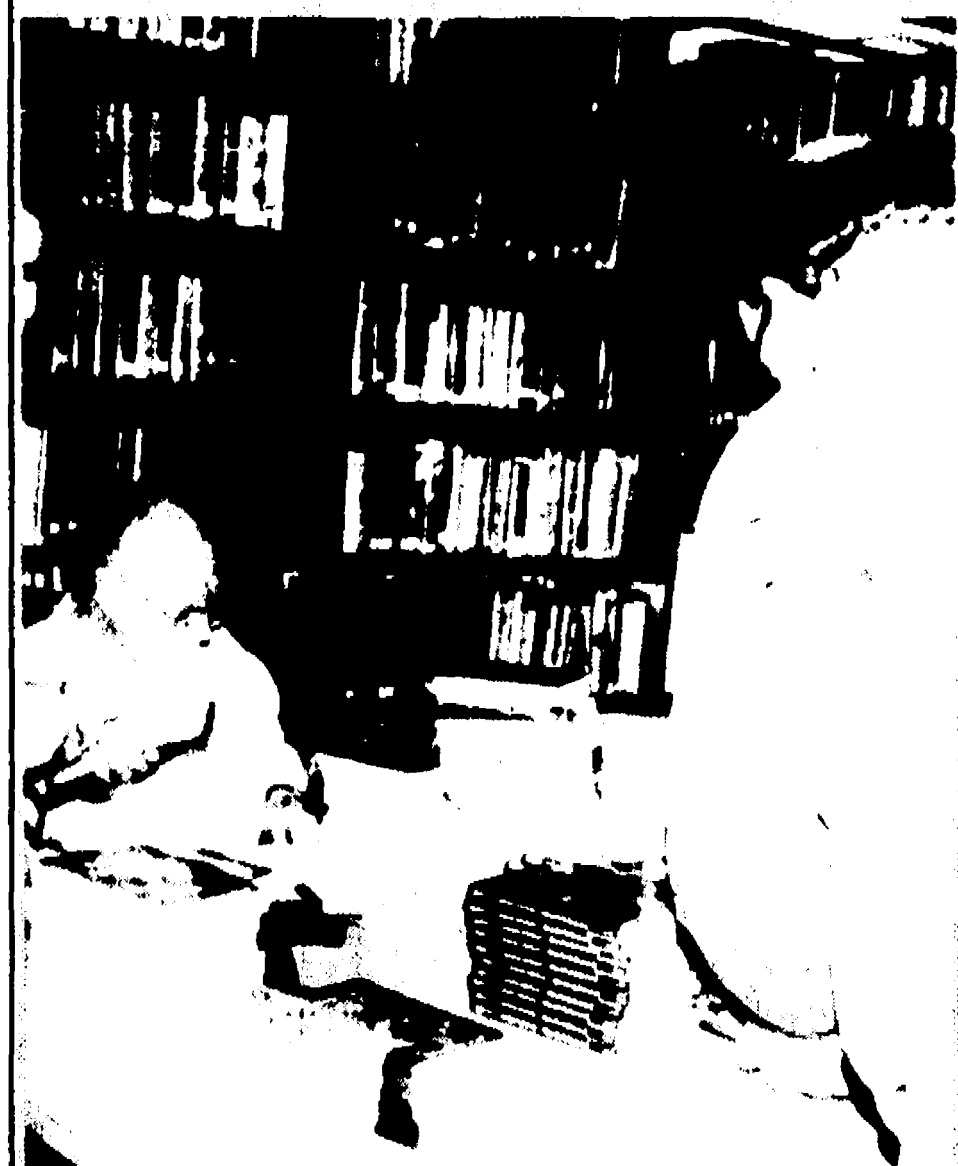
now,'" added Williams, talking about his brother.

Burley resides in California. He still performs occasionally in musical productions across the country.



FULTON BURLEY

Kiwanians encourage kids to read books



ENCOURAGEMENT FOR KIDS—Kiwanians Carl Hatfield (R) and Marie Akers (L) are stamping RIF. Reading is Fundamental, books for children to earn. Children are encouraged to read five books, fill out a form, have a parent sign it and exchange the form for a free RIF book. Kiwanis of Grayling has been supporting the RIF Program for over two years.

Gaylord Grizzlies and OMH Foundation 'team up' for healthy kids

The Gaylord Grizzlies recently made a contribution to the Otsego Memorial Hospital Foundation in the amount of \$440 to be used for medical equipment to benefit pediatric or newborn patients. The contribution was presented by Walt Ballard of the Grizzlies, to John MacLeod, hospital CEO, and Susan Bensinger, president of the Otsego Memorial Hospital Foundation.

The team also showed their generosity and concern for the total

wellness of area children when they donated 25 teddy bears to be distributed to pediatric patients.

The foundation has many funds to which the community may contribute. It allows for the donor to specify how they wish their money to be used, such as for equipment needs, scholarships, or to benefit specific departments such as McReynolds Hall. Non-specified contributions are used wherever most needed. "As donations to the foundation directly benefit Otsego

Memorial, which serves the healthcare needs of this area," stated Jennifer Ciszewski, foundation director, "a contribution to the hospital foundation is really a contribution to the entire community."

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CRAWFORD COUNTY SPORTS

Grayling Little League All-Stars open tournament with bitter sweet results

The Grayling Little League sent three teams into all-star competition last week, and came away with one victory and two losses. The senior and junior division boys baseball teams played on their home field with the seniors losing a last-inning heartbreaker to Joborg-Lewiston by a score of 6-4, while the juniors coasted to a 13-8 victory against Tawas.

The senior division team, coached by Jim Tobin, had tied the July 4 game in the top of the seventh, and had hopes to win the game in extra innings. However those hopes were dashed when the Joborg-Lewiston catcher smashed his second two-run home run of the game in the bottom of the seventh, to secure the opposition's victory.

The young Grayling team was led by pitcher Eli Tobin, whose good control kept his fielders in the game, and outfielder Brad Wilson, who contributed key RBI hits. The team, as a whole, played solid defense and had several important bunts which led to scores.

The seniors will return with nine players to next year's competition and hope this year's experience will help in the future.

The Grayling junior team, coached by Bob Gorski, came back on July 5, and snatched a victory with an outstanding offense.

Brad Gorski led the hitting attack going four-for-four with five RBIs. Left-hander Rusty Strohpaal pitched well, overcoming several unexpected fielding errors, while striking out 13 Tawas batters.

Coach Gorski expects to pitch his

son Brad against the Gaylord all star team, and have Strohpaal available for the championship game on July 13.

Grayling senior division girls softball team traveled to Gaylord on July 1, but met a strong, experienced team from Huron Shores, and lost 21-2.

Coach Tom Ritter's Little Leaguers fell behind early in the game and were unable to sustain a solid comeback until the later innings. The predominantly 13 and 14-year-old Grayling girl's team were outgunned by the older squad from Huron Shores.

While the score was one-sided, Grayling fans found that the Grayling girls have improved in the fundamental aspects of the game and expect to increase their competitiveness in the coming years.

The Grayling Little League 10-year-old all star team, coached by Russ Strohpaal, open their tournament play in Boyne City on Friday, July 12, at 3 p.m. against Traverse City, while the major division all stars, coached by Tim Swope, begin their first game in Boyne City on Thursday, July 11, at 12 noon, against the winner of Traverse City vs. Gaylord.

Grayling Little League will continue hosting the District 8 senior and junior league baseball districts and senior league sectional. For spectators interested in seeing northern Michigan's best 13- to 15-year-old ballplayers, game dates and times are as follows: July 9 and 10 at 10 a.m., 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m.; July 13 at 1 and 3 p.m.; July 19 at 3 and 5:30 p.m.; July 20 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.; and July 21 at 10 a.m.

Assistant Tournament Director Mike Shearer has done an outstanding job getting the Grayling High School field ready and coordinating all the game operations. Those fans available and interested in assisting Shearer can contact League President Tom Haskel at (517) 348-8722 to volunteer their services during the above mentioned dates and times. In sacrificing their time and effort, volunteers can carry on the valuable Little League tradition our country has developed in providing a positive activity for our children.



AND THE PITCH--Brad Wilson delivers an RBI single.

Golf outing to be held

The AuSable River Canoe Marathon will be having a golf outing at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 20, sponsored by Scheer Motors and CellularOne. This is one of the fund raisers that the race committee has every year.

person scrambles. The \$50 fee includes food and contests, along with a hole-in-one on designated holes, and prizes for men and women.

For information and entry forms, call the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at (517) 348-2921, or the Marathon race office at (517) 348-4425.

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LAST YEAR'S CHAMPS--The 1995 Grayling Golf Outing winners were (L to R) John Jones, Steve Thompson, Keith Kenney, Rich Jaskowski.

Snowmobile Association to experience changes

The Greater Grayling Snowmobile Association (GGSA) will undergo changes which include changing their name to the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association and replacing board

members.

In their June, 1996 newsletter, the GGSA said the "The Board of Directors noticed that our name did not really reflect the regional flavor of our

organization, so . . . we are filing paperwork to do business as the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association."

The association has also formed a nominating committee to elect three board members to fill positions left by members whose terms expired in September.

The qualifications for being a board member include being a member in good standing—dues paid for the 1996 season (Sept. 1 1995 to Aug. 31, 1996), and contributing to make the association successful. Also, board members should attend the monthly Directors meeting. The term for board members is three years.

To reach the nominating committee, write to AVSA nomination, P. O. Box 134, Grayling, MI, 49738 or call Greg Williams at 348-3497.

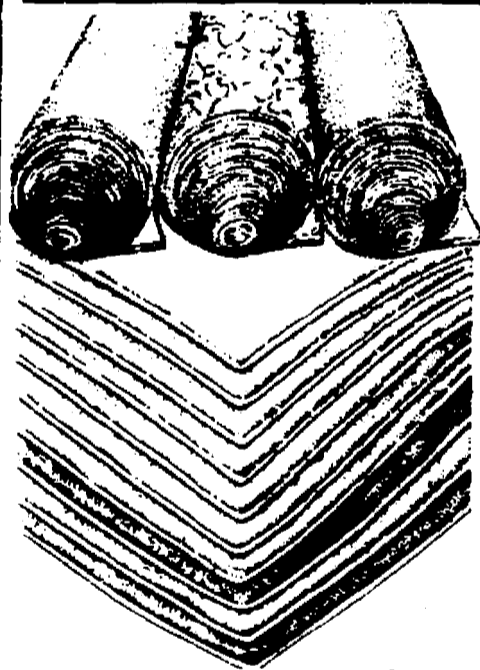
Hosts needed for Little Leaguers

Approximately 30 visiting Little League athletes will need a place to stay when they travel to Grayling to compete in the state tournament July 19 to 21.

The 14 and 15-year-old boys will need a warm bed to sleep in for Thursday and Friday nights, July 19 and 20. A minimum of two boys per home is desired.

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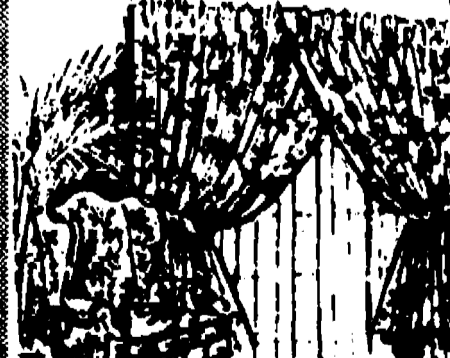
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GIRLS SENIOR ALL-STARS--(Back row, L to R) Coach Kim Laughton, Kim Hartman, Emily Fox, Jenny Phillips, Danielle Niederer, Monica Kustra, Coach Tom Ritter, (front row, L to R), Arica Wolcott, Brandy Ritter, Mika Sumner, Jean Zelek, Leanna Mathews, Andrea Kolka, Angela Fisher.

Teens enjoy week-long camp at Camp AuSable

Camp AuSable is hosting a week-long camp especially for teens.

There are approximately 100 kids between the ages of 13 and 17, that have an opportunity to explore and learn new things. Being able to socialize in an environment free from many of the worries and pressures they face is an experience they will never forget.

These teens come from all over the state, from different backgrounds and cultures. Many have never sat in a leather saddle on top of a horse, driven a four-wheeler down a dusty trail, or been behind a ski boat on two pieces of fiberglass.

The Merrill Fleming Nature Center is intended to encourage the campers

to be aware of all the creatures that share planet earth. Many claim to learn gentleness and patience from feeding a chipmunk from their hand, observing deer, raccoons, squirrels, snakes, beavers and other wildlife.

Craft instructors at Camp AuSable encourage kids to use their creativity. According to Dar Townsend, "learning how to construct a basic basket may plant ideas that lead to designing better gondolas used in hot-air balloon flight. Creating a new graphic for a painted T-shirt requires time to sketch, draw and plan out an appealing first draft. The camper senses a little bit of what a commercial artist faces, as they contemplate eye appeal, and consumer wants and demands."

Many professional boat builders started out by making a small replica of their favorite ship, and leather crafters make everything from shoes, belts and purses, to saddles. Ceramic pots, bowls, and drinking cups have a history dating back thousands of years.

Camp AuSable staff says they use Christian recreation every day of the week, to encourage many campers, of all ages, to make or renew their commitment to their Savior. According to Gary Thurber, camp director, "Camp AuSable exists to provide an environment for spiritual renewal, in God's nature, for not only the summer camping season, but year-round as well."

Parents of at least 100 teens, know

where their teens are, and what they are doing. Many more camps are coming up, including three family camps where the whole family, as a unit, can enjoy what Camp AuSable has to offer. Information is provided by calling the camp office at 348-5491.

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Championship at Merritt Speedway

Saturday night was the Thomas Motor Sales Mid-season Championship at Merritt Speedway for all classes.

Joe Johnson flew as he won the Late Model feature, passing Frank Seder for the lead midway in the race. Seder finished second, staying ahead of Bruce Vance, who challenged him every lap.

Don Marcoullier, Terry Hill, Billy Bray, Mike Fenske, Alan Markel, Rick Urbach and David Hilliker rounded out the top 10.

Heat winners were Jeff Smith, Vance and Marcoullier.

Johnson won the four-car dash over Marcoullier, Hill, and fast-qualifier Steve Poel. Poel lost a motor, as did Mike Nichols, retiring both for the night.

Point leader Brent Banning took advantage of his pole position start to win the IMCA Mid-season Championship feature race. It was Banning's fourth feature win at Merritt this year.

Bob Kingen took second place. Garry McKinley passed Don Hawley at the checkered flag for third. Following Hawley was Dave Springer, Wilber Fick, Bill Oliver, Darryl Chappel, Steve Anderson and Lance Liston.

Jim Smith won the B-main over Rick Young and Kim Myas. Brook Brasington took the C-main over Willard VanHaitsma and Jim Brannan. Heats went to Chappel, Brannan and Anderson.

Banning also won the four car dash over Bill Oliver, Brannan and McKinley.

For the second week in a row, Eric Spangler won the Pro Stock feature race, only this week was Thomas Motor Sales Mid-season Championship, so he took home a trophy, too.

Steve DeKam, Greg Towne, Ronnie Hill, Rick Yaroch, Mark Pompankey, David Schram, Bob Wilson, Mike Fecko and Tony Gokey followed at the checkered flag. Hill and Schram took the heats. Hill also won the four-car dash ahead of Spangler, Yaroch and Duane Schram.

In a repeat of last week's finish, Merv Hudson won the Street Stock Mid-season feature with Jeff Holmes finishing second. Ron McClure, J.T. Anderson, Louie Paterson, Brian Ostrake, Clay Chambers, Dave DeKam, Larry Carmen and Richard Clay rounded out the top 10.

Brian Burch won the B-main over Chad Bauer and Tom Sensabaugh. Dave DeKam took the C-main over Carmen and Jim Kinney.

The heats were won by Renton Hurley, Gene VanWarmer, Leon Bidoul and Peterson.

The top-three finishers in each feature received trophies and Thomas Motor Sales of Houghton Lake, sponsored the Late Model \$1,000 to win feature.

Next week, July 13, the Auto Value Sprints on Dirt will be at Merritt. There will be no Late Models that night, but the IMCAs, Pro Stocks and Street Stocks will be racing in addition to the sprints. The following week, July 19-20, will be the Seventh Annual Wood Tie 100.

In Flight C, Doris Bircher and Katy McNamara tied for low net of 32, and Evelyn Sager had low puts of 17.

In Flight D, Jill Flintoff had a low net of 29, and Mo McNamara had low puts of 15.

Fran Shires had a birdie on #11, and Helen Pollman took the chip-in pot again, with one on #16. Keep up the good work.

Hope everyone had a very safe and happy 4th of July.

That's all "fore" now.

GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

By Donna Thomson

July 3 was another perfect day for the Wednesday morning ladies auxiliary. Even though most of the women had their minds on all the 4th of July activities with friends and family, we still had some good golfing.

In Flight A, Nancy Graf had a low net of 33, and Nancy Graf, Mary Jane Knibbs, Treva McClanahan, Kathy Olson and Corrine Smith all tied for low puts of 17.

In Flight B, Carolyn DiPonio had a low net of 33, and she tied with Pat Jackman for low puts of 17.

FOX RUN GOLF NEWS

By Joan Waterman

End of first-half results as of Thursday, June 27:

First flight: first place with 92.5 points, the team of Sullivan-Mires; second place with 81.5 points, the team of Ostling-McKindles.

Second flight: first place with 97.5 points, the team of Hinkle-Wheeler; second place with 84 points, the team of Wiegle-Waterman.

Third flight: first place with 102 points, the team of Gates-Lantzsch; second place with 95.5 points, the team of Smith-Close.

Edna Close took low net with 32; Joanne Lederman had a chip-in on #5, and Margo Richardson had a chip-in on #8; and Joanne Lederman had a birdie on #5, and Nancy Graff had a birdie on #10.

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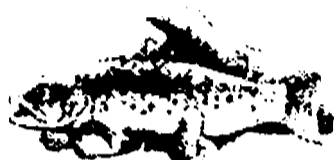
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Hunting & Fishing Weekly Update

George Griffith & the "Old AuSable"...

This past week I took a day to float the lower AuSable. I haven't done this in years and while we were putting the boat in at Townline Landing I ran into George Griffith putting his boat in. This brought back memories of the old AuSable. George, for those of you who don't know him, is in his late 80s and has a million stories about the old days on the river. So many, in fact, that he has a book entitled "For the Love of Trout" about his life along the river. Also, most people from all around the country don't have any idea that Grayling was the birthplace of the organization known as Trout Unlimited. It was, in fact, founded on George Griffith's dock down near Stephan's Bridge.



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SIMMONS HONORED BY GRAYLING LITTLE LEAGUE--Director Mike Shearer (R) and the Senior League All-Stars look on as Beaman Simmons and his wife Elaine are honored for their service to District 8 Little League baseball. Beaman is retiring after 39 years as the District 8 administrator. Allen Lowe, state representative, presents a Proclamation of Appreciation from Gov. John Engler to the Simmons.

Turkey federation supports wild turkeys

The Beaver Creek chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTFF) has worked to conserve the local wild turkey population.

According to Gary Willoughby, president of the Beaver Creek chapter, "the NWTFF is an association of turkey hunters dedicated to conserving the turkey population."

Recently, the group was honored by being placed on the Michigan Coalition for Clean Forests (MCCF) Honor Roll.

The Beaver Creek chapter covers Roscommon and Crawford Counties. One of their biggest accomplish-

ments was co-sharing the \$17,000 cost for planting 350 acres of rye with the Department of Natural Resources. The rye will be used to feed turkey and deer.

Recently, some of the Beaver Creek members cleaned up 30 square yards in the Adopt-a-Forest program. While the members donated the time, City Environmental provided a truck and 30 cubic yard dumpster and Weyerhaeuser paid the dump fee. Willoughby said he doesn't know the amount of the fee yet.

Last winter, the Beaver Creek chapter also gave out 16,000 pounds of free

corn to local residents to feed approximately 25 flocks of wild turkey.

Another project was planting 750 plum trees on federal land to preserve the turkeys' habitat.

On a nationwide scale, the NWTFF

has planted several hundred turkeys in all of the 50 states at a cost of \$500 for each bird.

For information on the National Wild Turkey Federation, call Gary Willoughby at 348-8485.



PITCHING IN FOR TURKEYS--NWTFF members (L to R) Steve Nelson, Brian McPhail, and Kevin Miller volunteered with the Beaver Creek chapter for the Adopt-a-Forest program.

Local businesses compete to support Muscular Dystrophy Association

By Michael D. Lee
Staff Writer

Four local businesses teamed up in a softball tournament to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) on June 30 at the Beaver Creek Community Center.

Glen's Supermarket, Chemical Bank, McDonald's, and Holiday Inn raised \$1,915.75 to assist in treatment, research, and other areas fighting muscular dystrophy.

Traci Nelson, tournament coordinator and marketing representative at Chemical Bank, said "I enjoyed it and it was for a good cause."

Nelson stated that the money raised will be available to people in this area

who suffer from muscular dystrophy. She said that the money can be used for many things including hospital stays and purchasing equipment.

The money was raised by the businesses mostly through donations. Chemical Bank sold paper baseballs for \$1 to customers in an effort to raise more money. Each team had to raise a minimum of \$15 to play in the tournament.

The tournament is in its second year and, according to Nelson, will be an annual event.

Last year, Chemical Bank and North Central Area Credit Union raised \$735 for the MDA.

Nelson said she would like the event to get bigger with more people and businesses getting involved.

More businesses may be added, but Nelson says she has to evaluate that each year because it is hard to find a place to play with more than one baseball field.

Like last year, this year's teams will travel to Cadillac to participate in the Jerry Lewis telethon.

McDonald's defeated Chemical Bank 16 to 5 in the championship game. In the first round, Glen's Supermarket lost to Chemical Bank 35 to 9 and Holiday Inn lost to McDonald's 24 to 23.

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RSVP HAPPENINGS

By Gloria Mologianes

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If you are 55 years of age or older and would be interested in donating two hours of your time once a week for known for a good sale, and it is all thanks to people like you who have some of the biggest hearts in the world. The monies made from these sales help us to maintain our level of reimbursement (mileage) to our volunteers. We provide the volunteers with mileage reimbursement, excess personal and auto liability insurance, and recognition.

To do this, we need to raise approximately \$15,000 a year. Our yard sales, cookie sales and other fund raisers, enable us to do this. We would

you might be surprised to find out how rewarding and interesting this can be. The COA also reimburses mileage for this service.

While the seniors in our community need this service and without volunteers to deliver these meals, it becomes very difficult to continue the service. If you're not 55, but are interested in helping out, call the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) at 348-7123, and they will be more than happy to get you lined up.

You might be surprised to find out how rewarding and interesting this can be. The COA also reimburses mileage for this service.



PINE WHISPERS

Hartwick Pines State Park
By Roxanne Doxtator

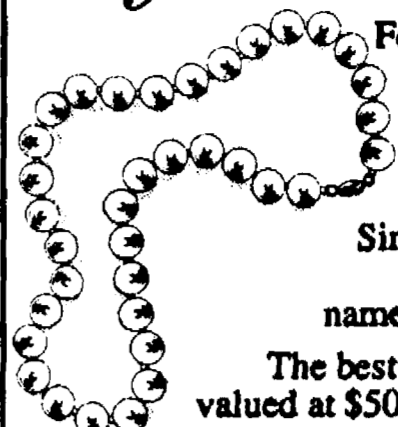
On July 13, the Michigan Forest Visitor Center presents Kids' Day '96. Special activities are planned throughout the day for children ages four to 12 years. There will be programs on recycling, forest fires, and logging, as well as burlap sack races and story time. Smokey the Bear will make several appearances throughout the day to help educate the kids about forest-fire awareness. Refreshments will be provided by Glen's Market of Grayling and McDonald's of Grayling, while supplies last. Mead's Nursery in Escanaba donated red pine seedlings to be given out, while supplies last. Kids' Day lasts from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Activities are one-half hour long with 15-minute breaks in between, so that families can come and go as they please.

Angie Watt of Dusty Fiddles will be at the visitor center on July 12, for a program. Watt and her partner, Carrie Reitz, make up the duo Dusty Fiddles. Watt has been playing for 17 years, but neither her nor her partner play the fiddle in public. This is how the name Dusty Fiddles originated. She does play the guitar, the dulcimer and the mandolin, among other instruments. Watt lives in Waltz, Michigan near Flat Rock.

On July 13, Michigan Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologist Jerry Weinrich presents Kirtland's Warbler Management. Weinrich works for the Wildlife Division out of Houghton Lake. The program begins at 1 p.m., and is a good source of information on this endangered species, which makes its home in this area of Michigan.

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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS Crawford County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of May 28, 1996

The Regular Board Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Bretzke at 10:05 a.m. in the County Building on May 28, 1996. Roll Call: Bretzke, Long, Black, McLachlan and Smock—present. Absent: Hartman. There were other visitors present.

—Agreed to amend the agenda to discuss with Prosecutor Huse the Proposed Amendment to the Solid Waste Plan.

—Agreed to accept the correspondence as presented.

—Agreed to continue the meeting in the Probate Court room and remain in open session while conducting a telephone conference call with Attorney Peter L. Gustafson.

—Entered into Executive Session to receive imperative information based on strategy from Legal Counsel.

—Entered back into regular session.

—Approved the minutes of the May 14, 1996 meeting in Commissioner Smock's report the title of the seminar he attended as "The Promise Keeper."

—Amended the agenda to have Honeywell make a final presentation.

—Based on the presentation by Honeywell, Inc. and report of financial conditions by the treasurer to approve the Building Authority entering into interior and exterior remodeling of the County Courthouse with Honeywell, Inc. at a cost of \$65,460 annually for 10 years at 6.25 percent rate of interest.

—Approved the Kneff Lake Agreement for police patrol from 10/1/95 to 9/30/96 between the Crawford County Sheriff Dept. and the U.S. Forest Service.

—Agreed to apply \$1,000 from the recent sale of the patrol vehicle to the purchase of marine radio equipment.

—Allowed the Sheriff to enter into the Marine Special Grant Fund for the purchase of marine radio equipment.

—Entered into a contract with Iron Gate Restaurant for food service to the county jail at the rate of \$2.50 per meal per inmate.

—Agreed to accept the Resolution to Borrow Against Anticipated Delinquent 1995 Real Property Taxes as presented by the Treasurer.

—Approved Circuit court to enhance and upgrade the AS400 Computer System at a cost of \$36,000 to be funded by the Supreme Court under the Court Consolidation Pilot Project.

—Agreed to accept the proposal by the 4-H Garden Club to plant flowers in front of the County Courthouse and limiting the amount to \$100 for the purchase of flowers.

—Agreed to rescind the motion for point of clarification from the Meeting of May 14, 1996

regarding Solid Waste Amendment and that the motion read that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners based on the Solid Waste planning Committee's recommendation adopts the amendment to the County Solid Waste Plan identified as Exhibit "B" in the Stipulated Order of Settlement. Based on the recommendation of the Solid Waste Planning Committee we send to the Townships and City a recommendation that they identify and act in accordance with the Solid Waste planning Committee's recommendation and this Board's recommendation for the deletion of Paragraph "G" and the insertion of language associated with the formerly known Paragraph "J-1" as listed in Exhibit "C" of the Stipulation of Order for Settlement. For further clarification we identify Section "C" at The Solid Waste Planning Agreement because B and C may sound similar on the tape and we are referring to Section "B" The Solid Waste Amendment and Section "C" The Solid Waste Planning Agreement.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes are on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk

SYNOPSIS Crawford County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of May 14, 1996

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bretzke at 10:25 a.m. in the County Building on May 14, 1996. Roll Call: Bretzke, Long, Hartman, Black, McLachlan and Smock—present. Absent: None County Clerk Sandra Moore, present. There were other visitors present.

—Accepted the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 16, 1996 as presented, with the exception of changing the "Stand for Children" celebration date to June 7, 1996 at 1 p.m.

—Accepted the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 26, 1996 as presented.

—Accepted the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 30, 1996 as presented.

—Accepted the Ways & Means Committee Report and approved payment of the following vouchers: General Fund \$64,331.50; Family Counseling Fund \$118.60; D.A.R.E. Fund \$110.75; Commissioners Per Diem and Expenses: Bretzke—April 1996 \$202, Jan 1995 through March 1996 back pay \$1,234; Hartman—March and April 1996 \$148; Smock—April 1996 \$128, January 1995 through December 1995 back pay \$896, and January 1996 through March 1996 back pay \$224; Long—April 1996 \$192; McLachlan—April 1996 \$64; Black—April 1996 \$234.

—Accepted the correspondence as presented.

—Agreed to adopt a Resolution to support the display of snowmobile registration and promotion of better snowmobile law

enforcement with copies forwarded to State Rep. Allen Lowe and Candice Miller, Secretary of State.

—Agreed to endorse the language set forth by Grayling Township regarding the contract with Wolverine Power Supply which will be placed on the Aug. 6, 1996 Primary Ballot.

—Agreed to allow the Grayling Recreation Authority to place proposal 1 on the Aug. 6, 1996 Primary ballot asking for 1/2 Mill and deleted the word "continued."

—Agreed to pay 1996 dues in the amount of \$250 to Huron Pines Resource Conservation & Development.

—Agreed to approve Commissioner Black's abstaining from the vote on payment of dues to Huron Pines Resource due to her husband's affiliation with Huron Pines.

—Agreed that we follow the Solid Waste Planning Committee's recommendation of 4/29/96 and approve the proposed amendment to the Crawford County Solid Waste Management Plan in the form attached as Exhibit "B" to the Stipulated Order of Settlement on that the amendment be submitted to the Crawford County Municipalities for their approval with the insertion of Paragraph 3-1 that was approved by the Solid Waste Planning Committee on 4/29/96.

—Approved the request by Prosecutor Huse for the hiring of summer help in a shared cost with Roscommon County as done in the past two years with the cost to Crawford County being \$1,900.

—Agreed to remove Paragraph 3-G from the proposed Amendment to the Solid Waste Plan. Meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes are on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk

SYNOPSIS Crawford County Personnel & Labor Committee May 19, 1996

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hartman at 1 p.m. Members present: Long,

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Applicants are now being accepted for the open positions on the Crawford County Library Board. All applicants must be residents of Crawford County and direct their responses to Sandra Moore, County Clerk- Register of Deeds, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 by the close of work day on July 19, 1996

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Tamarack Circle and River Drive
Paving Project

The Road Commission For Crawford County
Crawford County, Michigan

The Road commission For Crawford County will accept sealed bids at their office, 500 Huron St., Grayling, Michigan 49738, until 10 am, local time, July 25, 1996, for road construction services.

The project consists of grading, graveling and paving approximately 0.67 miles of Tamarack Circle and River Drive in S31, T27N, R4W, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The instructions to bidders and bid forms may be examined at the Crawford County Road Commission offices, at the Frederic Township Hall, and also at the office of the engineer, Northwest Design Group, Inc., 12808 Taylor Road, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720. Bidding documents may be obtained from the Owner for no cost.

Bids must be made upon the appropriate bidding forms. All bids must be plainly marked as to their content. A five percent bid security must accompany each bid.

The bidder to whom a contract is awarded will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and material payment bond in the amount of 100 percent of the total contract amount.

No bid may be withdrawn for 30 days after the bid opening date.

The Road Commission For Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids and make awards in any manner deemed in its own best interest.

NOTE: Successful bidder (Contractor) is responsible for all MISS DIGS.

TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Recycling Monitor/Grayling Township Compactor: Part-time, Saturdays and Sundays. \$5.00 per hour. Applications available at Grayling Township Hall, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361. Deadline August 1, 1996.

NOTICE

The Road Commission For Crawford County will accept sealed bids at their office, 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, Michigan 49738, until 10 am local time, July 25, 1996, for furnishing a POWER WASHING SYSTEM.

The bid form, site plan and all requirements may be picked up at the Road Commission office.

BIDS MUST BE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE PLAINLY MARKED ON THE OUTSIDE AS TO THE ITEM BEING BID.

The Road Commission reserves the right to waive any irregularities in any bids, to reject any or all bids, and to accept bids, which in their opinion, are in the best interest of The Road Commission For Crawford County.

By: James Briney, Managing Director of
The Road Commission For Crawford County
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FACTS AND FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Forecast For: July 14 - 20, 1996

- ARIES** You are expected to give generously of your time and money. Your kindness will be returned in double.
TAURUS In order to be honest with others, you must first be honest with yourself. Do you really approve of that man in the mirror?
GEMINI Matrimony could be in your future if you play your cards right...unless you choose to "fold."
CANCER Accommodate an older relative. Your attention to others will be appreciated and rewarded.
LEO Progress slows down on an important project.
Virgo Vacations keep your team from further advancements. Seek help from outside sources.
Virgo Tension mounts with the heat. Try to remain calm and cool. Your even temperament will be your saving grace.
LIBRA You are at your best during the worst of times. Adversity pushes you to greater heights...just don't look down.
SCORPIO Get back to nature with a hike in the woods or a camping expedition. Enjoy the warmth of summer or it will be over before you know it.
SAGITTARIUS Travel arrangements may be modified. Don't worry about delays—they will be blessings in disguise.
CAPRICORN Try to be open-minded to constructive criticism. Someone is genuinely trying to help you. Be appreciative.
AQUARIUS A favor is returned. Accept social invitation and plan to enjoy yourself. Romance heats up.
PISCES Avoid impulse spending. Think carefully before throwing away money on something you may never use!



SHADOW NEEDS A HOME-- Shadow is a 7-month-old spayed female. If you would like to give her a home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

Every cat, even an indoor cat, should wear a collar with an ID tag to help him come home if he is lost, warns the Humane Society of the United States. Many cat owners believe a collar can injure a cat. But a breakaway collar lets a cat escape if the collar becomes snagged.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

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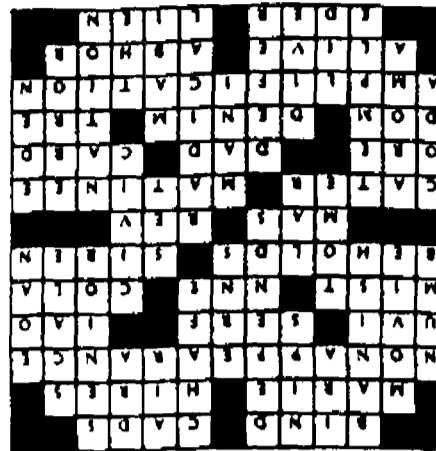
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3. Bites
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5. Frets
6. Atmosphere
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8. Fourth year college student
9. Cinema
11. Spectrum
12. Deadened
13. Sea eagles
14. John, Gaelic

19. Book

21. National
23. Household god
24. Hardened
26. Extreme
27. Musical ending
28. Odor
29. Side of the forehead
30. Peanut, sp.
31. Country
32. Mistake
33. Paradise
35. Put off
38. Plunge
39. Florida tree
42. Cover
43. Article



A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago July 12, 1973

Grayling Little League will host their area tournament here on July 15-17. Grayling all-stars include: Mike LaChappelle, Joel Arwood, Bill O'Mara, Doug Kuhn, Tim Bitner, Perry D'Amour, David Schrieber, Scott Reynolds, Rocky Tobin, Jeff Parkinson, Joel St. John, Kent LaMotte, Dale Metzger, Rich Calkins, Skip Olson and Scott Johnston. Coaches are Tom Wright and Gary Calkins.

Work has begun on the underground work in preparation for the curbing and paving of Michigan Ave. According to city officials, the \$52,150 price tag also includes the paving of the new bridge connecting Maple Street with State Street.

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce advised today that the State of Michigan's August drawing for the bureau of State Lottery will be held in downtown Grayling on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 9:45 a.m. Chamber officials stated that this will be a first for any city in north-central Michigan, and is expected to draw record crowds.

Robert (Bud) Sorenson was honored at a retirement party Sunday afternoon, July 8, at the Chapparral Ranch. He retired June 20 from the postal service after serving as a postal clerk in the Grayling Post Office for 37 years.

Mrs. Francis E. Miller of Grayling, was the lucky winner of \$50,000 in the super drawing in the Michigan State Lottery conducted last Thursday afternoon at Alpena.

Cindy Harwood was guest of honor at a bridal shower given by Mrs. Bill Koernke and Mrs. Tom Stalker on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tolles of Mesa, Arizona, parents of Mrs. Dale Peterson, were guests of the Petersons for about three weeks. They attended graduation in Gaylord, and also the wedding of their granddaughter, Pam Peterson, on June 16.

The three King brothers, Eugene, Homer (Mud) and Christopher (Sandy) were reunited recently after 15 years. Sandy has moved to Roscomon from Kalamazoo, Florida. The other two reside in Grayling.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Pratt of Frederic, on July 8, twin boys, David Joe weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces at birth, while Daniel Jess weighed in at 6 pounds.

The running of the 240-mile "non-stop" canoe Marathon on the AuSable River will begin Friday night, July 27, at Grayling, and will end shortly after noon Saturday, July 28, at Oscoda.

Last year's record-breaking time was 15 hours, 20 minutes. Of the 28 entries, only 11 finished.

46 years ago July 13, 1950

The Game Division of the Michigan Conservation Department entered a proposal at the Conservation Commission meeting at Higgins Lake last week that part of the Hanson Game Refuge just west of Grayling be opened to deer hunters this fall because the land can no longer safely carry the number of deer congregated there.

The City of Grayling is erecting two new steel light poles at the corner of Michigan and Cedar streets from which to suspend the traffic signal light.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knox of Saginaw, visited Grandma Smock Saturday and Sunday.

Doyle Weaver and two sons of South Bend Indiana, and Marion Weaver of Buchanan, spent the weekend with Marion's brother, Otis Weaver.

Harold Johnson has done it again, catching a nice 16-inch brown trout.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Kellogg, Glenda, Bill, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kellogg attended the Thunder Bay Canoe Race on the Fourth of July at Hillman.

Basil Hubbell is driving a new Ford purchased from the Welsh Motor Sales.

Little Marcia Sorenson, Michael Stillwagon and Johnny Cook played host to the measles the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lozon are happy to announce the arrival of a son. He was born June 30, and weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces. The young man was named Ernest William and will be known as Billy.

The Douglas Hotel has several fishermen registered there for the week from Ohio. Good luck is wished for all.

Jim Douglas returned to his school duties in Elkhart, Indiana, after a week's vacation in Grayling and Lovells.

A group of Lovells ladies met with Mrs. Ruth Caid last Thursday evening, making plans for the annual silver tea given to help Lovells Chapel fund. Date of the tea will be July 27.

Maryda Stillwagon spent the week with her grandparents.

Rev. R. C. Puffer is driving a new 1950 Ford, a gift of some of the members of Michelson Memorial Church in recognition of the fine work he has done.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Hunter are happy over the arrival of a daughter, Gail

Diane, at Mercy Hospital on July 10. She weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. William McLeod spent the weekend in Lansing visiting the Elmer Dunhams. They were joined there by the George Schroeders of Clawson, who brought Dick McLeod with them.

69 years ago July 14, 1927

The entire 202nd Coast Artillery of Chicago, arrived at Camp Grayling last Saturday afternoon for their annual summer encampment. Machine guns and light anti-aircraft weapons compose the fire-power of the Coast Guardsmen who are 600 strong, commanded by Colonel Charles J. Kraft.

The 202nd Coast Artillery band of Illinois, will present a band concert under the auspices of the Grayling Post 106, American Legion, Friday evening.

Jens Peter Jensen, a resident of Grayling for 40 years, passed away at his home here Monday evening.

Thorvald Peterson and Emil Kraus were elected to three-year terms at the Grayling School Board annual meeting held in the high school assembly room on Monday evening.

Herbert J. Brown, long-range weather forecaster in Washington, D.C., predicted that 1927 would be a year without a "real" summer and the following winter would be severe.

C. W. Lydick hooked a small-mouthed black bass at Lake Margrethe last Monday, that measured 21 inches long. It weighed 5 pounds and 4 ounces, and measured 12 1/2 inches in circumference.

Mrs. Holger Schmidt left for Bay City, being called to act on the grand jury.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gildner on July 9, a son.

94 years ago July 10, 1902

In the six months from January through June, there have been 33 prosecutions in this county, of which 28 were convictions.

Our village began to fill up with strangers last Thursday, and a number of the strangers began to fill up as soon as they arrived.

The ladies of the Catholic Church will serve a 10-cent Saturday-evening lunch at the home of Mrs. Goulet. All invited.

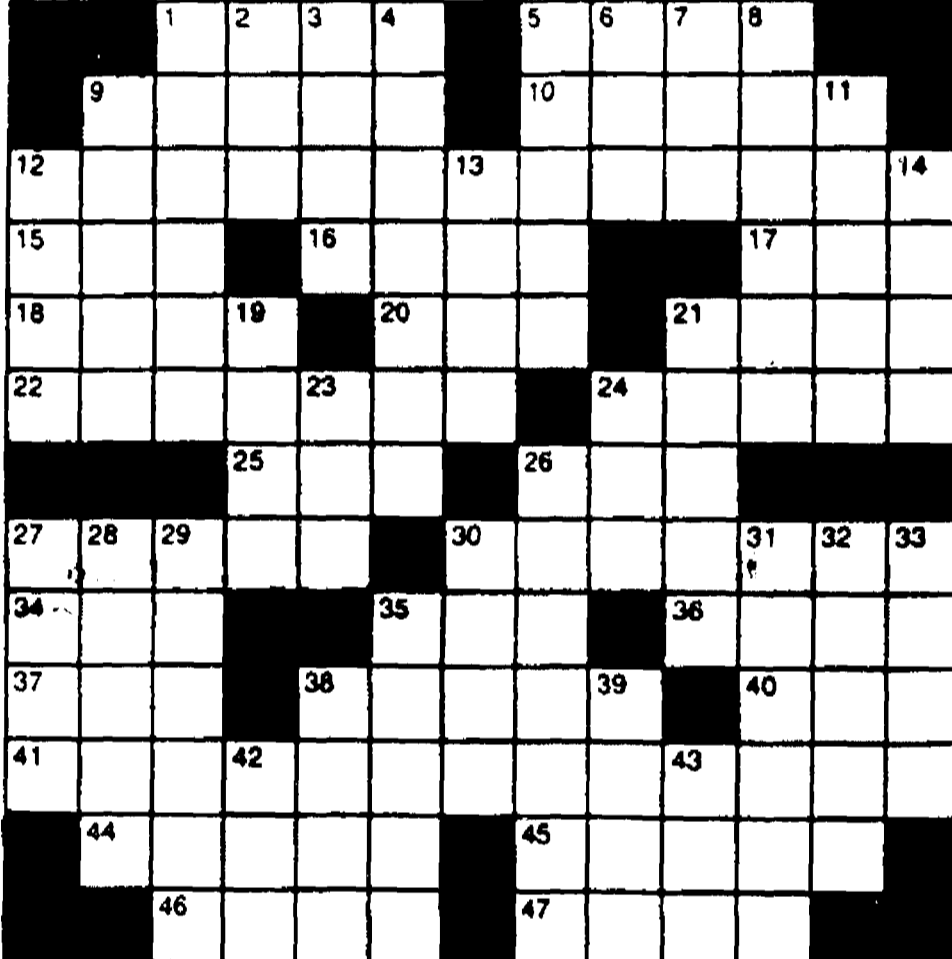
Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bates came down from the farm last week and brought a lot of strawberries. Thirty-two of them

filled a quart basket and one berry measured 5 inches around it.

The cash balance in the State Treasury as of the close of business on June 3, was \$3,453,511.14. Last year at the same time it was about one million less.

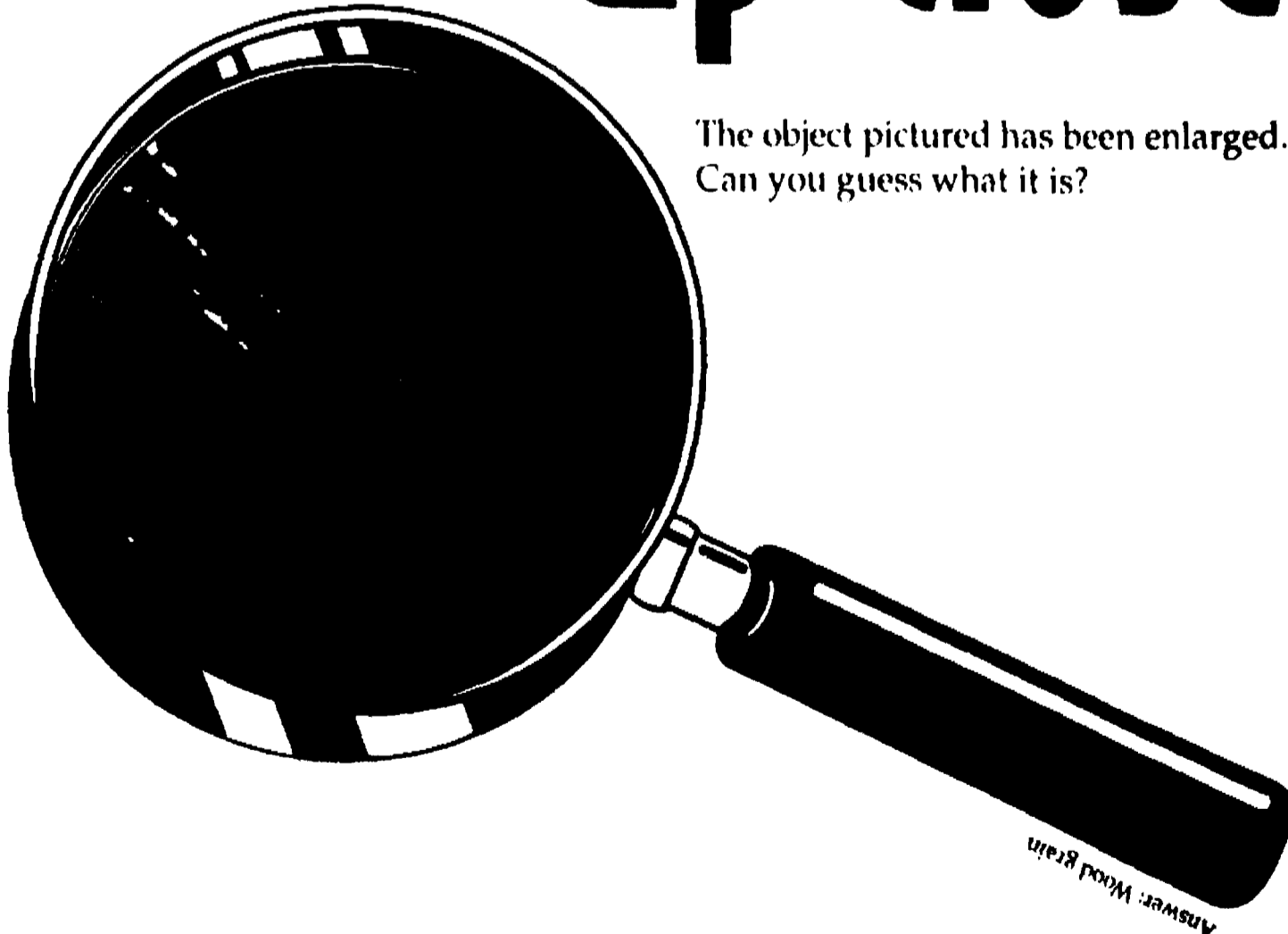
Samuel McIntyre returned from Cincinnati last week, where he had been attending a revival camp meeting.

A revised list for Fourth of July shows 31 dead, 2,649 wounded and a \$250,155 loss from fire. But it was a glorious day with some of the back counties yet to be heard from.



Up close

The object pictured has been enlarged. Can you guess what it is?



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Precip.
7/2	81	49	0.01
7/3	64	54	1.05
7/4	70	50	
7/5	74	43	
7/6	84	44	
7/7	81	55	
7/8	78	61	
7/9	70	49	0.30

Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Wednesday calls for partly-cloudy skies, with the highs in the mid 70s. Thursday will be dry, with the highs in the mid 70s, and the lows near 45. There is a chance of thunderstorms on Friday and Saturday. Friday's highs will be in the low 70s, with the lows in the low 50s. Saturday's highs will be near 75, with the lows near 55.

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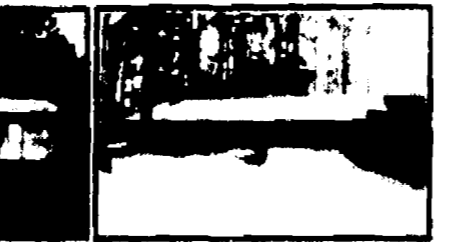
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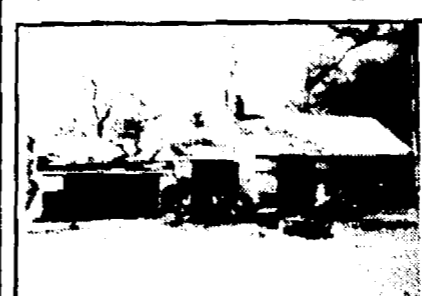
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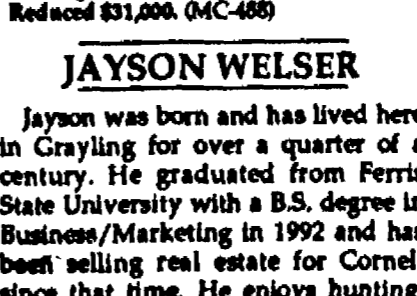
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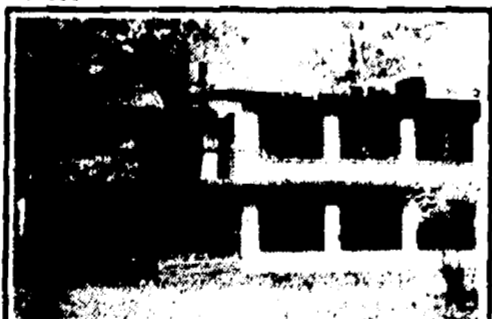
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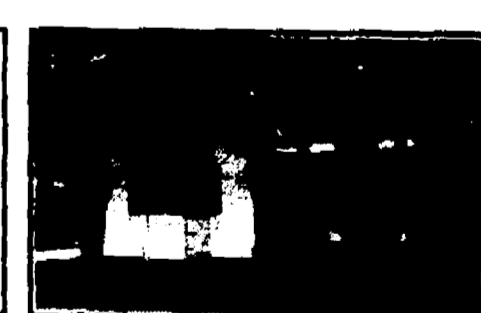
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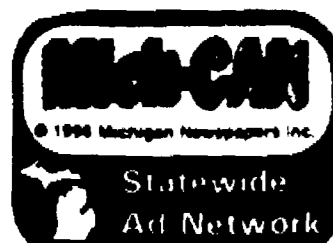
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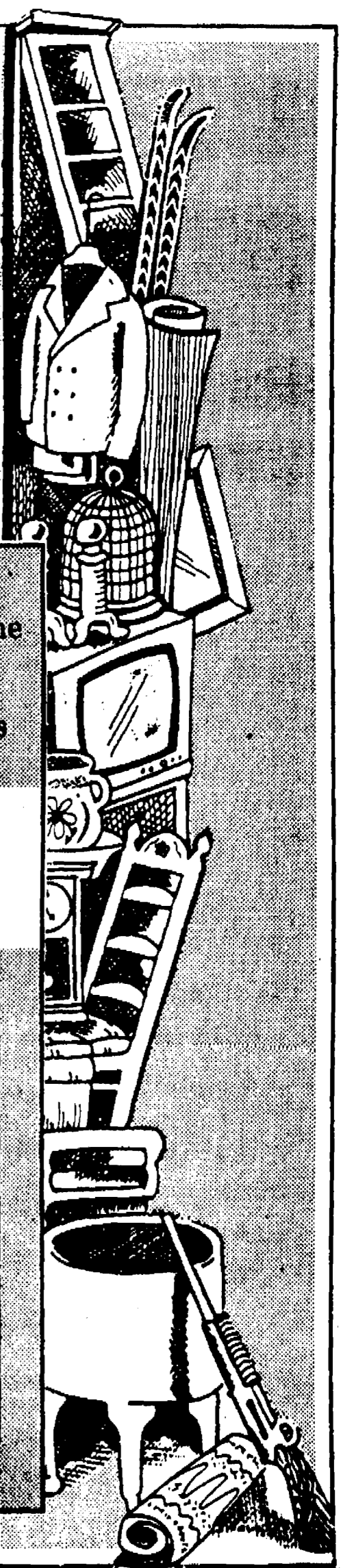
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Pierce honored for Adopt-a-forest program

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get a good handle on the psychology of what makes people dump trash in the woods.

Most people in the area have door-to-door trash service, only a few don't, said Pierce. If they can load it onto a truck to take it out into the woods and dump it, how much more effort would it be to take it to the landfill, she asks.

"People out in the woods, hunting and bird-watching, they don't want to look at a bunch of trash," said Pierce. "It just diminishes the experience so much."

Michigan's six million acres of public land is a lot more than other states, which allows Michigan to offer a lot more in terms of outdoor recreation, said Pierce.

"It's an excellent resource that is used a lot," she said. "But it's also a responsibility. Whenever you have something important, you have a responsibility to safeguard it."

Sections of public land can be adopted by any individual, organization, corporation or group that wants to help eliminate unsightly illegal waste disposal on state lands.

There are three ways to adopt a section of state land. Organizations can be responsible for the physical cleanup of the land, donate equipment or commercial services or contribute money to a special account to help pay for trash hauling and landfill space.

When an organization adopts more than 640 acres of land, a sign recognizing the groups activities may be placed.

Since it began, volunteers have contributed thousands of hours to help

clean up the trash on public forest land.

The Adopt-a-Forest program has removed 130 refrigerators and freezers from public land last year alone, and recycled the freon from them. They also removed more than 57 tons of scrap metal last year.

Pierce has worked for the Department of Natural Resources for almost 20 years. She has degrees in wildlife management and biology.

"I love the outdoors so much," said Pierce. "It was a perfect match."

The organization that operates Adopt-a-Forest is the Michigan Coalition for Clean Forests. The organization is a coalition of public agencies and private organizations, businesses and individuals dedicated to promoting trash-free public recreation lands for current and future generations.

There are several local organizations that have adopted several acres of land. This year the Michigan Coalition for Clean Forests named two of them on their honor roll. The Beaver Creek Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was listed.

Also listed was Bill Middleton of Grayling.

The coalition is very instrumental in passing a new litter law that will make littering fines stiffer and reduces the proof needed to prosecute litterers, said Pierce.

Currently, law enforcement officials must see someone littering in order to do anything about it. The new law would allow prosecution based on addresses and other identifying material found in the trash.

Pierce recommends that anyone who hires a company to pick up their trash should ask for a landfill receipt to ensure proper disposal.



CLEANING UP--Angela and Kevon Miller participate in the Adopt-a-Forest program to keep the animals' habitat clean.

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Group addresses growing threat to upper AuSable River

(Editor's note: The following article was prepared by Joseph H. Kukuh, member of the board of directors of the George A. Griffith Foundation.)

Reflecting a concern of many in the Grayling area, the board of directors of the nonprofit, newly-instituted George A. Griffith Foundation has elected, after several months' deliberation, to spotlight an environmental problem deserving far more attention than it now receives.

The dormant issue of untreated stormwater and snowmelt runoff into the AuSable River from the more intensively-urbanized parts of its riparian zone, found new life among board members when an article in the February 1996 *National Geographic* caught their eye.

The article, *Our Polluted Runoff*, portrays such discharge as "...widespread as rain and deadly as poison...largely unregulated and insidious, accounting for up to 80 percent of the degradation of U.S. waters."

It goes on to say that "Taming this problem is now a national goal."

Interestingly, several of the article's case examples lie in northern Michigan just to the west of Grayling, namely, the Boardman River and Mitchell Creek drainages above Grand Traverse Bay, and the Torch River basin above Torch Lake.

What appears to be happening by way of development in the corridors of these regionally well-known waterways mirrors accurately the scene unfolding before us in the world-famous upper AuSable valley.

The Griffith Foundation views the very public matter of untreated urban runoff as one that, allowed to expand unaddressed, threatens the AuSable's innately high social and economic value. In the first move toward fulfilling its mission as an organization dedicated to protecting this world-class coldwater resource for the benefit of future generations, it proposes to underwrite (1) development of a systematic means for monitoring the rate, volume and composition of urban runoff, as well as (2) establishment of a baseline of such information for future reference.

In making its case for this action, the foundation reasons that continuing denial of the problem's all-too-obvious emergency poorly serves the long-term public interest. Moreover, it views as inexcusable any unchecked impairment of surface water upstream that diminishes its quality downstream both as aquatic habitat and as a supply

for domestic uses.

As development of the AuSable watershed proceeds unabated without critical planning, the foundation speculates that proportionately greater amount of undesirable residues are escaping treatment and washing directly into the river system with every heavy runoff event.

These contaminating by-products of related urban-industrial activity, some of them conceivably persistent as well as toxic to aquatic life, typically consist of automotive fluids and exhaust fallout, dust and ice suppressants, domestic sewage overflow, yard and construction refuse, animal waste and excess fertilizer together with pesticides and herbicides from golf courses as well as from transportation corridors, utility rights of way and residential lawns and gardens.

Making matters worse, expanding land coverage by structures and pavement—added to ever-greater surface compaction in general—is increasingly restricting riparian capacity to absorb and filter runoff, thereby significantly enhancing the rate and volume as well as contamination load of surface discharge.

Of growing concern are the cumulative, potentially adverse effects on the aquatic ecosystem of fouling agents carried by stormwater and snowmelt runoff (in contrast to septic-field seepage and treated-sewage effluent) from concentrated urban development represented mainly by the communities of Grayling and Roscommon.

Some casually dismiss the notion that surface contamination and heat from these sources pose any appreciable threat to the river and its biota. Others blithely sidestep it by pointing to worse problems elsewhere, claiming that dilution is sufficient to offset such pollution or suggesting that much of it dissipates into the atmosphere before doing any harm.

But numerous studies nationwide (including Michigan) strongly suggest that a closer look would very likely indicate otherwise, that aquatic systems as sensitive as the AuSable are particularly prone to creeping impairment by such contamination. Indeed, the Michigan Relative Risk Analysis Project in 1992 ranked as medium-high the environmental threat associated with urban runoff into receiving surface waters.

Regularly expressing this concern, veteran river watchers in the upper AuSable watershed have felt for some

time that, in the least, a comprehensive database against which the influx of stormwater and snowmelt-borne pollutants by kind and amount could be routinely gauged is long overdue. Many feel that without convincing facts, appeals for the rapidly-advancing need to treat urban runoff will quite likely continue to fall on deaf ears.

As opposed to merely anguishing publicly about the chronic inattention received by what it believes to be a potentially serious problem in the upper AuSable valley, the foundation has decided instead to fund creation of a factual basis for validating its concern.

The process would entail development of, first, a monitoring scheme that reliably and consistently yields, through serial measurements at strategic locations over successive events representative profiles of stormwater runoff from the Grayling and Roscommon communities; then, by the means so established, a baseline reference of indicator nutrient biocidal, metallic and other chemical as well as biological constituents.

For reasons uncertain, establishing such a reference as a basis for runoff treatment has never received the high priority that circumstances foreseen years ago clearly justified.

Visualizing them as permanent contributions to the river's protection, the foundation intends that both the monitoring system and baseline reference be developed in concert with contemporary resource-maintenance efforts.

The foundation shares with many the view that the AuSable River, symbolic of Michigan's prized legacy of coldwater resources, cannot be allowed again to become a victim of neglect. Through the initiative so proposed, it wants to set an example of what a vigilant body can do in helping protect a great natural asset like this one.

The years immediately ahead promise the AuSable's spiraling use and attendant exposure to growing risk. Investing now in laying the groundwork for safeguards that its stewardship will certainly require seems to the foundation to make abundant sense.

Perhaps someday the *National Geographic* will recognize the AuSable as one of America's best-protected coldwater treasures. (Questions about the George A. Griffith Foundation should be directed to its secretary at P.O. Box 502, Grayling, MI 49738.)

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